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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 1
Contract No. NAS8-20072,
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated Thin Film
Resistors," (Ga. Tech Project No. A-858)
Period: 14 April 1965 to 31 May 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The material shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

The initial period has been devoted to obtaining supplies, modifying equipment, and in making preliminary films and electrical measurements. Three vacuum pumping assemblies have been assigned to this work and a fourth is available if needed. One of these assemblies is being used for routine evaporation, a second for flash evaporation, and a third (a VEECO 400) has incorporated into it a recently fabricated jig assembly which allows use of multifilaments for multilayer coatings on a number of different masked substrates at a single evacuation cycle.

The jig, shown in Figure 1 attached, consists of four circular stainless steel plates mounted in a stacked assembly connected by rods. The upper and lower plates are fixed and the central two rotate about a center axis. The lower plate supports the stacks from the evaporation filaments; the second plate is a shutter; the third plate has openings for attachments of substrate holders and mask assemblies and is rotatable to indexed positions; and the fourth plate holds the substrate heaters. The substrate holder assemblies are about 2 1/2" x 3 1/4" and can readily accept 2" x 2" substrates or several smaller ones.

Substrate heaters have been constructed of carbon cloth supported about 1/2" from the substrate and have been found to provide an excellent and

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efficient method of heating substrates because of the high emissivity of the carbon and its relatively low current demand. This cloth also appears as a useful heater element for evaporation sources.

The jig above was completed during the current period and preliminary evaporation runs are now being made with it. A second jig assembly, an Edwards microcircuit jig, will be installed on a VEECO Model VE 775 Vacuum System. Delivery of the vacuum system is expected shortly and it will be available for work of the project. An electron gun and power supply will also be part of this assembly.

An electrical tube furnace and an XY recorder have been set up for the temperature cycling of film specimens.

A number of titanium films have been prepared by evaporation at 5×10^{-6} Torr onto hot and onto cold substrates. The maximum R/sq obtained was about 925 ohms at TCR of -0.0017. These measurements were only preliminary ones conducted to check out equipment operation. Evaporation of titanium in various pressures of residual oxygen is the next stage planned.

The vacuum system for flash evaporation required modification for installation of a new gauge tube and a new and more accurate bleeder valve. It is expected to be operational shortly.

Plans for the next month are to continue the studies of titanium films evaporated in residual oxygen, to begin flash evaporation of Cr and SiO, Cr and Mg F₁₂, and Ti and TiO. We currently have an induction furnace heater coil in the VEECO system and plan to see if RF field excitation of residual gas will promote compound formation during evaporation of Ti in residual oxygen or nitrogen.

Personnel assigned to the project currently are:

Mr. R. B. Belser, Project Director (25%)

Mr. Mercer Carithers, Research Physicist (50%)

Mr. Conrad Meaders, Research Assistant (physics) (100%)

Mr. Jon Colt, Research Assistant (EE) (100%)

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Research associates and technicians will be provided as the measurement load increases and the studies are expanded to incorporate thickness measurements by the electron probe or X-ray fluorescent techniques.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Belser
Project Director

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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 2
Contract No. NAS8-20072,
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Ga. Tech Project No. A-858)
Period: 1 June 1965 to 1 July 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The material shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

During the month additional apparatus has been procured and measurements of R/sq and TCR of titanium and zirconium films deposited at various pressures of residual oxygen and at various evaporation rates have been conducted.

A 20 watt Sonoweld ultrasonic welder has been obtained and preliminary welds have been made between aluminum foil and titanium films, zirconium films, and glass substrates. Some preliminary welds were also made between gold ribbon and a number of other films. We found it necessary to increase the pressure over that recommended in order to weld aluminum foil to the materials listed, and the welder was modified to allow a mechanical adjustment for increased pressure.

Also received during the month were three Dumas Micromanipulators, a vacuum chuck, and a Sloan rate and thickness measuring instrument. The recently purchased Automatic High Vacuum Evaporator, VEECO Model VE 775 is scheduled for shipment by the manufacturer on July 15. The instruments were purchased with Georgia Tech funds and are available for work on this contract. The interferometer, which has been unused for film thickness measurements for some time, has been overhauled and calibrated and will be put into use immediately for thickness measurements of films already completed.

Approximately 90 film specimens of titanium (50) and zirconium (40) were measured during the month. These were made at various pressures of residual gas or oxygen and at substrate temperatures usually of about 400°C,

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although a few were deposited at lower temperatures or at room temperature. Evaporation rates were varied from 100 Å/second to < 1 Å/second, and films have ranged from nearly pure metallic to essentially completely oxidized films. R/sq values have varied from 10 ohms/sq to 57,000 ohms/sq. The lowest value was for a film of titanium and the highest was for a film of zirconium. The TCR of titanium at 10.7 ohms/sq was 0.0022/°C over the range 25°C to 125°C and that of Zr at 57,000 ohms/sq was -0.0051/°C. In between these extremes some films of interesting properties were noted.

Figures 1 and 2 exhibit data for titanium films evaporated at slow rates, varying from approximately 6 Å/second to about 2 Å/second, with R/sq varying from 85 ohms/sq to 1655 ohms/sq. TCR values are successively -0.0002, -0.00034, -0.0007, and -0.0017 as the R/sq increases from 85 ohms to 1655 ohms. These films were made under the same conditions of deposition except for rate and thickness at a pressure of 10^{-3} Torr of residual O₂. The unit of highest R/sq was deposited at the lowest rate and was the thinnest film (about 400 Å). Exact thicknesses have not yet been determined because of the overhaul of the interferometer, but thicknesses of all films are to be measured in the near future. The aging for these films during temperature cycling was relatively small.

Figures 3 and 4 exhibit data for zirconium films deposited at a residual gas pressure of 2×10^{-6} Torr and rates varying from 2 Å/second to < 0.6 Å/second. TCR of these particular films indicates an essentially constant resistivity for the series of films without regard to thickness variation. The aging for these films was usually in the range 1 to 2 percent but was < 1 percent for the film of highest R/sq (922 ohms) during cycle # 2.

Plans for the month of July are to complete the titanium and zirconium series, to begin measurements of compound films of chromium and silicon monoxide, and possibly a new series of elements now on hand. These include niobium, vanadium and gadolinium.

Personnel assigned to the project are unchanged except for the addition of a graduate student in Physics, Mr. Larry O'Hara, who is to assist with measurements of resistance and thickness during the summer Quarter. Mr. James Darnell, an experienced research assistant, is expected to join the project shortly, being reassigned from other work in the Meissner Vacuum Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Belser
Project Director

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Figure 1. Resistance VS Temperature Data
for Titanium Films, Series 3.

Evaporation Pressure: 10^{-3} Torr O_2

Estimated Rates: 6 \AA/sec , 3-1

4 \AA/sec , 3-2

% CHANGE

+4

+3

+2

+1

0

-1

-2

-3

-4

END

25

50

75

100

125

T ($^{\circ}C$)

FILM # 3-1: Ti, $R_{30} = 85 \Omega$

%

CHANGE

+1

-1

-2

-3

-4

END

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50

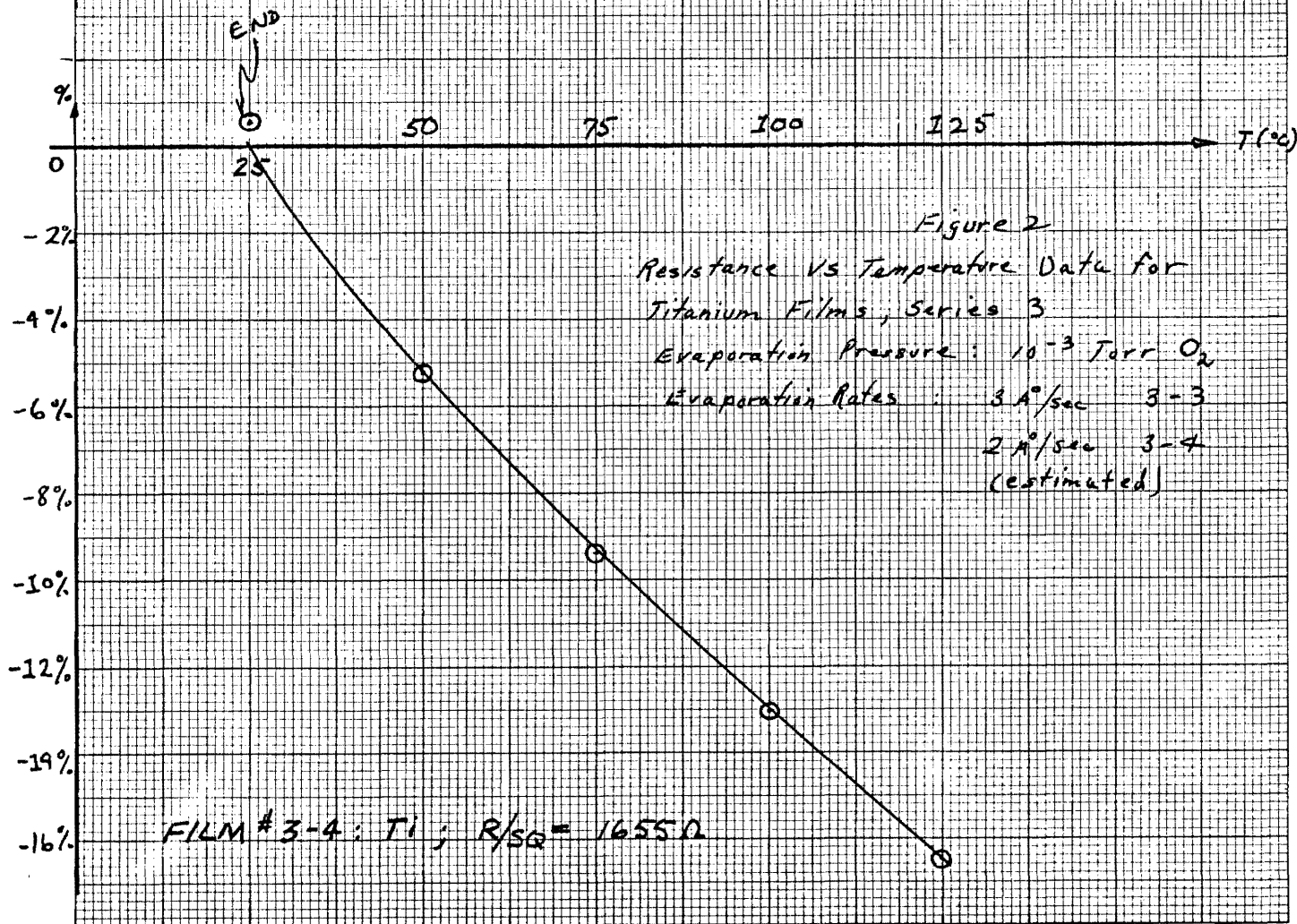
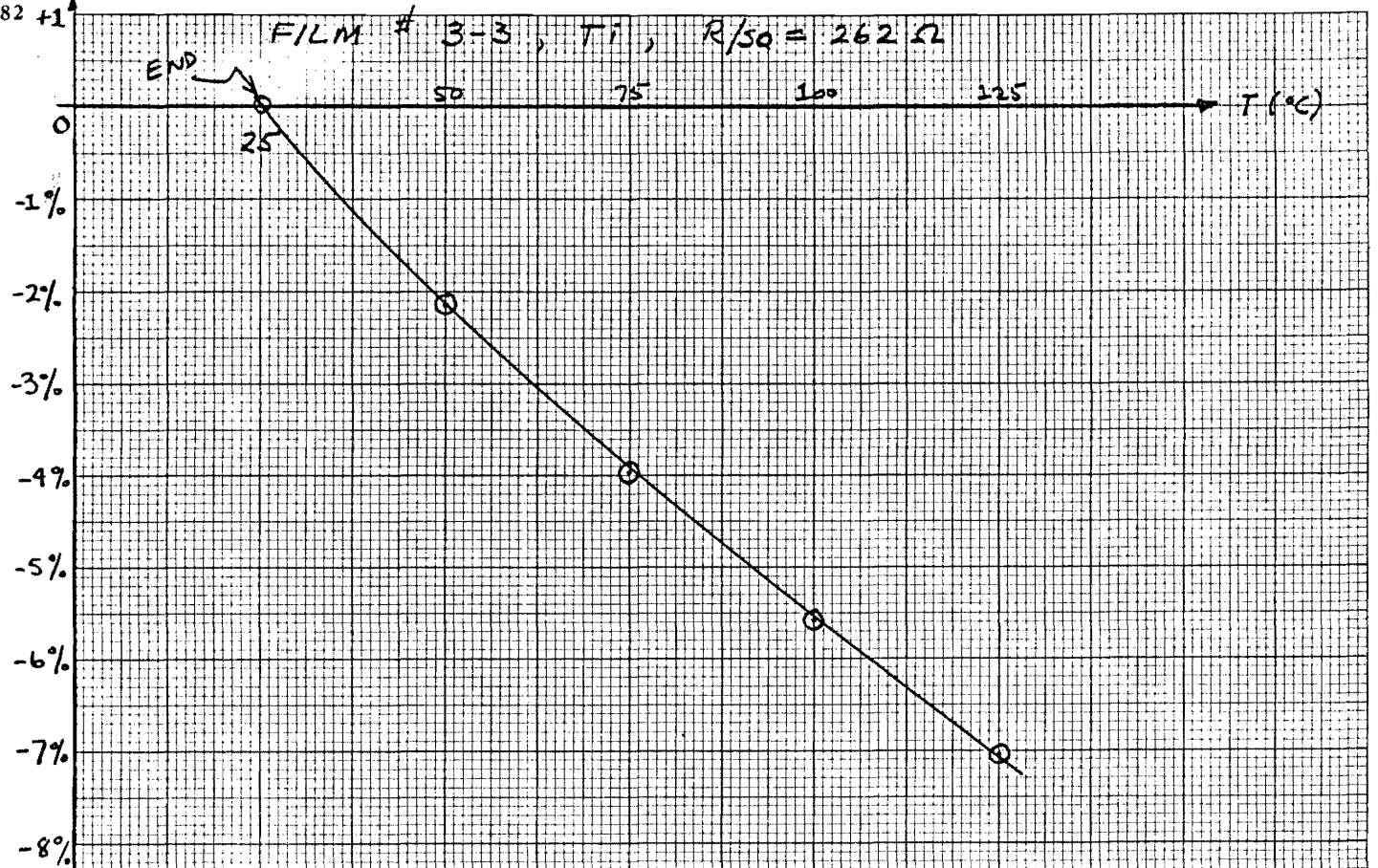
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T ($^{\circ}C$)

FILM # 3-2: Ti, $R_{30} = 175 \Omega$



1 % change of Resistance

3%

2%

1%

-1%

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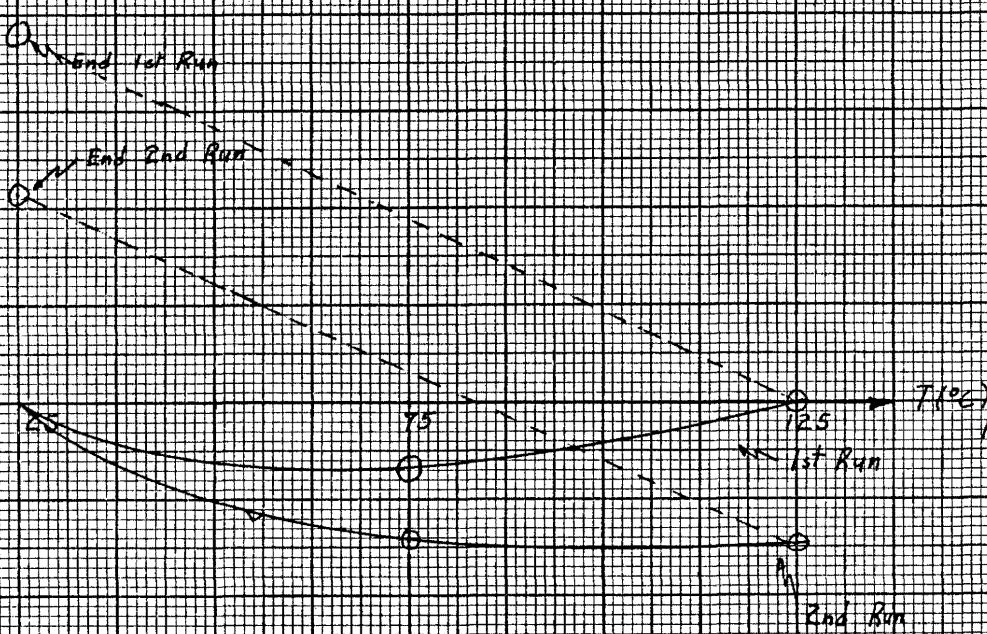
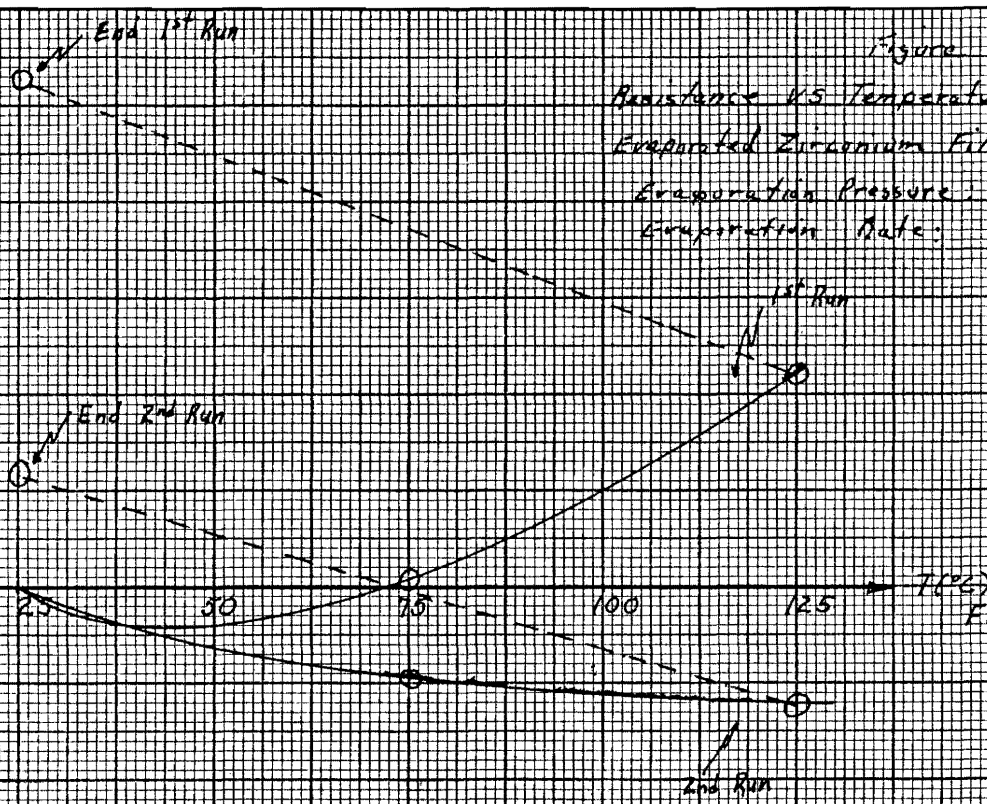
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Figure 3
Resistance vs Temperature Data for
Evaporated Zirconium Films, Series 19-0
Evaporation Pressure: 2×10^{-6} Torr
Evaporation Rate: $2 \text{ \AA/sec} - 0.8$
 $1.3/\text{sec} = 0.8$
(estimated)

FILM #19-0A: Zr
 $R/SQ = 232$

FILM #19-0B: Zr
 $R/SQ = 346$



3%

2%

1%

-1%

-2%

2%

1%

-1%

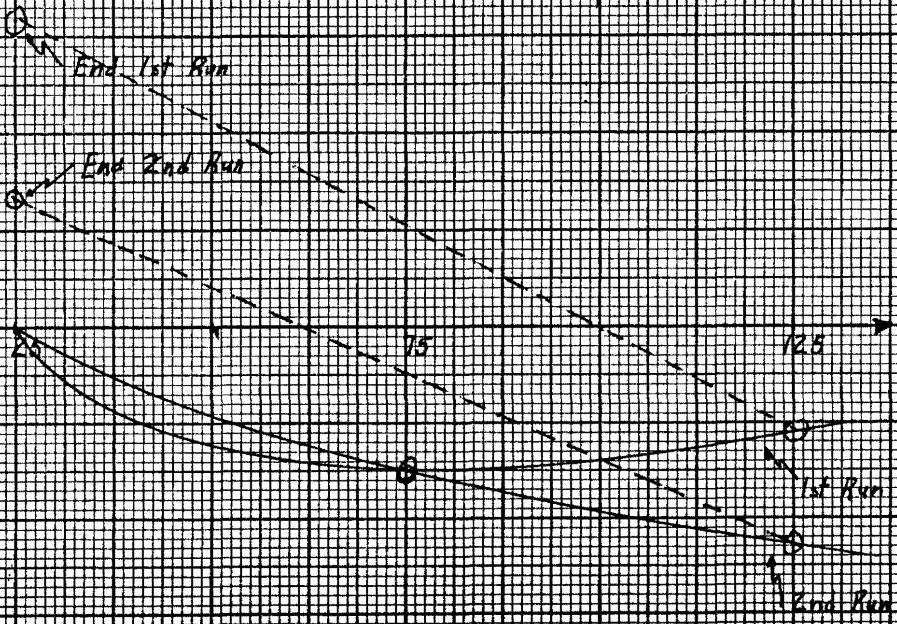
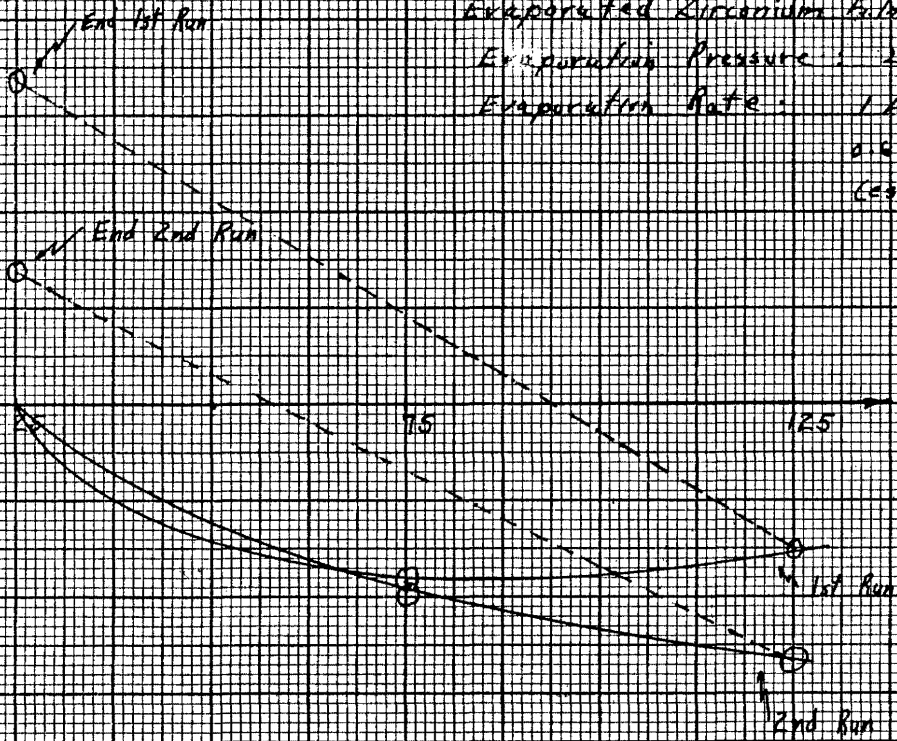
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Figure 4

Resistance vs Temperature Data for
Evaporated Zirconium Films, Series 19-0
Evaporation Pressure: 2×10^{-6} Torr
Evaporation Rate: 1 Å/sec - OC
0.8 Å/sec - OD
(estimated)

FILM # 19-0C: Zr
R/SQ = 576

FILM # 19-0D: Zr
R/SQ = 922



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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 3
Contract No. NAS8-20072,
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Ga. Tech Project No. A-858)
Period: 1 July 1965 to 1 August 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The material shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

During the month, the recently purchased automatic high vacuum evaporator, VEECO Model VE-775, was received by shipping and receiving; one of the three vacuum systems being used on this program was equipped with a flash evaporator; an electron beam power supply and gun were ordered; and measurements of R/sq, thickness and TCR of the various types of films deposited were conducted. In addition, the aging characteristics of selected specimens were examined.

Studies of films formed by the evaporation of titanium and zirconium at high vacuum and varied residual oxygen pressures and rates of deposition were continued. In addition, the properties of films formed by the evaporation of the materials chromium, silicon monoxide, chromium-silicon monoxide mixtures, titanium monoxide, and vanadium were examined. Thickness measurements conducted during the month indicated that a large majority of the higher resistivity films fabricated earlier were very thin films; that is, they were less than 500 Å units in thickness. Four of the more

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interesting types of films obtained to date are discussed below and their characteristics are given in the attached Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The process of evaporating pure titanium from tungsten boats or filaments in high vacuum and/or partial pressures of oxygen to obtain high resistive titanium-titanium oxide films appears to be quite difficult to control at this time; however, techniques for accomplishing this are being continued. Thus, it was decided to conduct a concurrent investigation into the relative ease of depositing such films by evaporating the oxides of titanium. Figure 1, is a typical film obtained by evaporating TiO by the flash technique. TiO powder was dropped into a heated tungsten boat to obtain a high rate of evaporation. The resultant film (Specimen TiO-1A-FA) had a R/sq of 122 ohms and had a thickness of 1070 Å units. This corresponds to a specific resistivity of 1325 microhm-cm. The bulk resistivity of pure titanium is 42 microhm-cm. The TCR was approximately $-4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. A high resistivity and negative TCR indicate the presence of oxides in the film; nevertheless, a higher film resistivity was expected. Apparently, considerable disassociation of the TiO occurred at the tungsten boat. Further evidence of this was obtained for films formed by filling a tungsten boat with TiO powder and evaporating the charge. In the latter case, greater disassociation and/or reduction occurred than that obtained with the flash technique.

Figure 2 shows the characteristics of a film formed by the flash evaporation of a mixture of chromium and silicon monoxide powders. It was quite stable and had a low negative TCR. The specific resistivity was 412 microhm-cm which compares to a bulk resistivity of 12.8 microhm-cm for bulk chromium. Other data appear on the graph. Several Cr+SiO films were fabricated and exhibited similar properties. Concurrently, separate studies of the evaporation rates of chromium and silicon monoxide versus source temperature are being made. These are being made with a type ME-1 silicon monoxide evaporation source manufactured by the R. D. Mathis Company. Rates established for the Cr and SiO , separately, indicate that the two materials can be combined in a single source compartment and evaporated simultaneously to obtain

varied film composition by varying the mass ratio of the two component materials in the source and/or source temperature. The Cr+SiO system looks quite promising as a high resistivity material of low TCR and high stability from the data obtained here, as well as, from that reported in the literature.

Several high resistivity films have been obtained by evaporating zirconium in high vacuum at relatively slow rates and faster rates in partial pressures of oxygen. The best and most reproducible results for zirconium have been obtained by evaporating in high vacuum over extended periods. The material looks quite promising from both the standpoints of physical properties and process control. A typical zirconium type film deposited at a rate of 195 Å per minute, on a glass substrate heated to 365°C, and at a pressure of 2.8×10^{-6} TORR is shown in Figure 3. The TCR of $-4.87 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for a specific resistivity of 8,060 microhm-cm are in the range of the objectives of this program. The initial stability on the TCR test was quite poor. Likewise, the film oxidized considerably during the aging at 125°C in air. The small change in resistance and TCR that occurred on the 2nd TCR curve after aging indicate that zirconium oxide type films can be stabilized satisfactorily.

Figure 4, is typical of several vanadium films evaporated in high vacuum at the relatively slow rate of 110 Å units per minute on a glass substrate heated to 415°C. The positive TCR and specific resistivity of 190 microhm-cm compared to its bulk resistivity of 24.8 microhm-cm indicate that the film was not oxidized to any great extent during deposition. During the post heat treatment in air for 5 hours at 125°C, the film resistance increased by approximately 6.7%. This is considerably better than the change under similar conditions of 108% for the thicker film of zirconium and compares favorably with similar aging for the Cr+SiO film which was approximately 55% thicker.

Plans for the month of August are to investigate further the Ti, TiO, V, Zr, and Cr+SiO films. Different source materials will be compared for

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their effectiveness in reducing the compounds TiO and TiO₂ as evaporants. The study of the evaporation of Cr and SiO from a common source will be continued. The construction of an ion furnace to evaporate materials will be initiated. The furnace will operate on the principal of focusing and directing the electrons supplied by a glow discharge onto an evaporant. This technique of evaporating materials with an electron beam offers the advantage of evaporating refractory and non-refractory materials in a controlled reactive environment.

Personnel assigned to the project are unchanged. Mr. Belser is on vacation and will return on approximately the first of September.

Respectfully submitted.

M. D. Carithers
Assistant Project Director

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SPECIMEN : TIO-1A-FA

DEPOSITION

DATE : 8/3/65
 SUBSTRATE : Soft Glass (Microscope slide)
 SUBSTRATE TEMP : 350°C
 EVAP. SOURCE : W BOAT
 EVAP. TIME : FLASHED
 PRESSURE : $\approx 3 \times 10^{-5}$ TORR

MEASUREMENTS & TESTING

AGING : No Baking
 FILM THICKNESS : $1070 \pm 50 \text{ \AA}$
 R/D : (ohms) (% Change)
 Initial ≈ 122
 Final $\approx 124 \approx 1.5$
 SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY : $(1325 \pm 62) \times 10^{-6} \text{ ohm cm}$
 FINAL TCR : $-3.99 \times 10^{-4} / ^\circ\text{C}$

PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF RESISTANCE

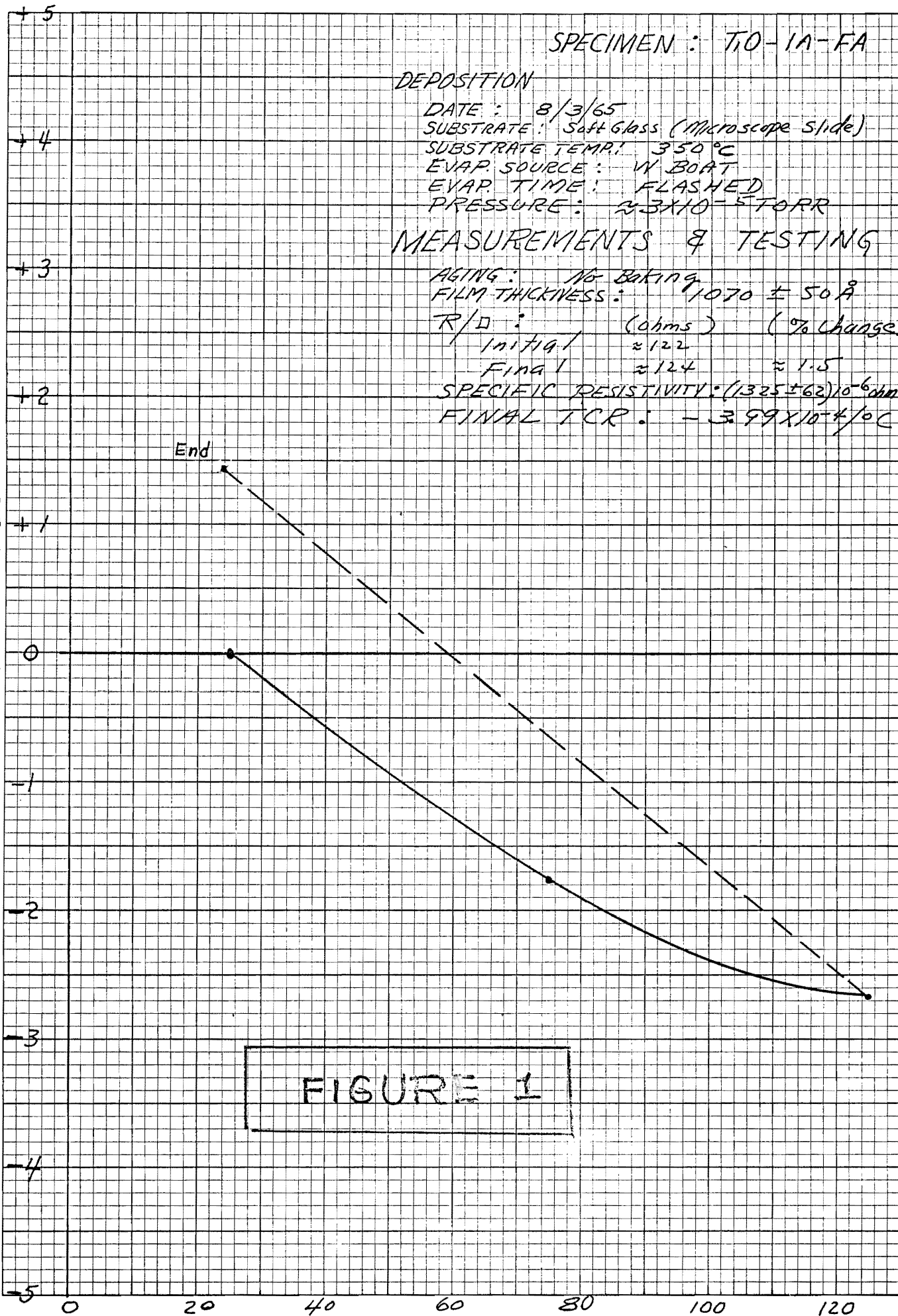


FIGURE 1

SPECIMEN: C+5.0-1B-FA

DEPOSITION

DATE: 7/30/65
 SUBSTRATE: Soft Glass (Microscope Slide)
 SUBSTRATE TEMP.: 350 °C
 EVAP. SOURCE: W. BOAT
 EVAP. TIME: FLASHED
 PRESSURE: 2×10^{-5} TORR

MEASUREMENTS & TESTING

AGING: 4 1/2 hours @ 125 °C in air
 FILM THICKNESS: $857 \pm 50 \text{ \AA}$
 R/□: (ohms) (9% change)
 Initial 47.47
 After Aging 48.53 +2.2
 Final 48.52 +2.2

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY: $(412 \pm 25) 10^{-6} \text{ Ohm Cm}$

TCR: Initial = $-2.52 \times 10^{-5} / ^\circ\text{C}$
 Final = $-1.44 \times 10^{-5} / ^\circ\text{C}$

PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF RESISTANCE

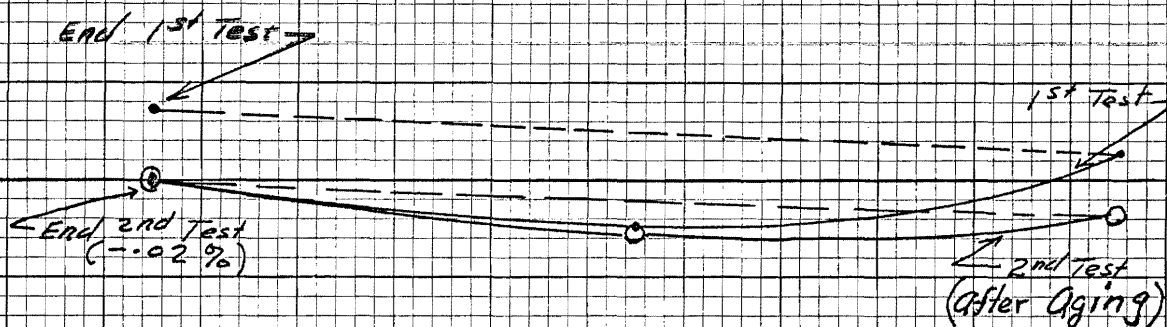


FIGURE 2

SPECIMEN: Zr-4A-B

DEPOSITION

DATE: 7/30/65
 SUBSTRATE: Soft Glass (Microscope Slide)
 SUBSTRATE TEMP.: 365 °C
 EVAP. SOURCE: Stranded W Wire
 EVAP. TIME = 5 min Rate = 195 Å/min
 PRESSURE: 2.8×10^{-6} TORR

MEASUREMENTS & TESTING

AGING: 5 hours @ 125°C in air
 FILM THICKNESS: 975 ± 60 Å (After Aging)
 R/A: (ohms) % change
 Initial 827.3
 After Aging 1719. +108
 Final 1725. +108

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY: 8.060×10^{-6} ohm cm (Initial)

TCR: Initial = $-4.22 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
 Final = $-4.87 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

PERCENTAGE OF RESISTANCE CHANGE

End 1st Test

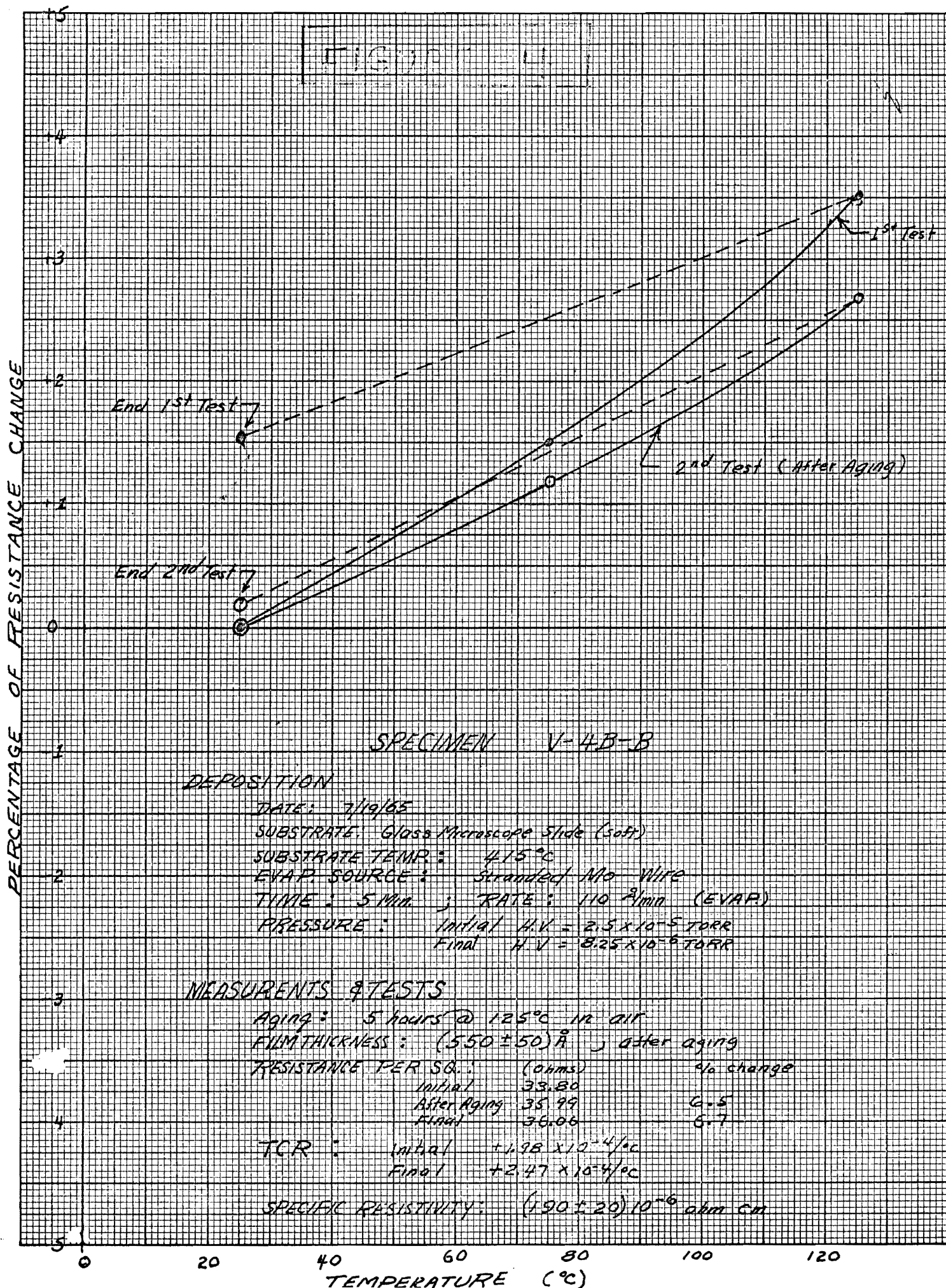
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1st Test

2nd Test
(after Aging)

FIGURE 3

TEMPERATURE (°C)



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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 4
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 August 1965 to 1 September 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The material shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

During the month approximately 71 film specimens were prepared and examined. These consisted of 36 specimens of zirconium evaporated in residual oxygen atmospheres and 35 of the compounds $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$, TiO , TiO_2 , or Ta_2O_5 . In addition data for the previously prepared films have been collected, completed and used to prepare plots of the log of film resistivity versus temperature for the materials zirconium and titanium evaporated in residual oxygen at various pressures and of $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$ films evaporated onto glass substrates at 400°C and at various temperatures of the evaporation source, therefore at various rates.

Examples of particular films and the conditions of deposition are exhibited in Figures 1, 2 and 3 for films of zirconium (1) and $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$ (2-3). The film of zirconium was exposed to aging at 125° in air for 7 hours and underwent a change of $+6\%$. Thereafter it possessed a TCR of $1.17 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ and a specific resistance of 678×10^{-6} or approximately $1/15$ the desired value of 10^4 microhm/cm. However, the film did not age appreciably during the second temperature cycle to 125°C . The $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$ film exhibited in Figure 2 is an example of a film of low TCR and resistivity in the desired range, i.e., a $\text{TCR} < 1 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ and a resistivity of 0.98×10^4 microhm/cm. Figure 3 exhibits the data for a $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$ film of very high resistivity 37.4×10^4 microhm/cm. However, its TCR is $-16.3 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$.

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The plots of the accumulated TCR versus resistivity data for Zr, Cr + SiO and Ti are shown in Figures 4, 5 and 6 respectively. The range of resistivities found for Zr in the TCR range of $\pm 4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ micro-ohm - cms to 500 microohm-cm. The range for Cr + SiO is 10,000 to $30,000 \times 10^{-6}$ over the TCR range 0 to $-4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The range for Ti is 200×10^{-6} to 500×10^{-6} ohm cm over the TCR values of $\pm 4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

In our previous letter we discussed one zirconium film which was well above the data curve of Figure 4. This particular film was found to have been evaporated in a sequence of 3 successive evaporations rather than a continuous one. The implication exists that a much slower rate or some other variable of pressure or residual atmosphere may yet influence considerably methods of obtaining higher specific resistivities. One suggested method here has been ionization of the residual atmosphere by RF excitation during evaporation.

The Cr + SiO films to date have given by far the highest resistivity obtained here for TCR values in the desired range.

The compounds of the various oxides evaporated except for Ta₂O₅ gave films of relatively low R/sq and specific resistivity indicating a high degree of reduction during evaporation. The Ta₂O₅ was reduced very little if any and retained its essentially oxide characteristics of very high resistivity, in the range > 10 megohms/square.

Plans for the succeeding month are to complete the log resistance versus TCR data for the metals now under study. Work on the electron beam, now in course, will be continued and utilized on some of the more refractory metals. Studies of Niobium and its compounds are now underway.

Personnel for the project have remained unchanged during the month of August.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard B. Belser
Project Director

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DEPOSITION

DATE: 8/18/65

SUBSTRATE: Soft Glass (Microscope Slide)

SUBSTRATE TEMP: 420°C

EVAP. SOURCE: Stranded W Wire

EVAP. TIME: 5 Min. Rate: 236 Å/Min.

PRESSURE: 4.2×10^{-6} TORR

PERCENT CHANGE IN RESISTANCE

END 1st Cycle

END 2nd Cycle

MEASUREMENTS

AGING: 7 hours @ 125°C in air

FILM THICKNESS: 1182 ± 80 Å (After Aging)

R/SQ: INITIAL - 33.4 Ω/□

FINAL - 57.1 Ω/□

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY: 631×10^{-6} ohm-cm. (Initial)TCR: INITIAL - $-1.12 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ FINAL - $-1.17 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

1st Cycle

2nd Cycle
[After Aging]

Figure 1. Resistance (R/SQ) versus Temperature (°C) for Zr-7A-B film.

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140

TEMPERATURE (°C)

DEPOSITION

DATE: 9-1-65

SUBSTRATE: Soft Glass

SUBSTRATE TEMP: $\approx 400^\circ\text{C}$

EVAP. SOURCE: Baffled Box (Mathis Model ME-1)

EVAP. TIME: $\frac{1}{2}$ Min.

PRESSURE:

MEASUREMENTS

AGING: None

FILM THICKNESS: 1750 Å

R/I: 562 Ω/\square TCR: $\pm 24 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY: $9.84 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ 

Figure 2. Percent Resistance Change Versus Temperature
Data for Cr+SiO film = 7C.

MEASUREMENTS

AGING: 1 hour @ 300°C

FILM THICKNESS: 1460Å ± 90Å

R/□ Initial 25,600 Ω/□

Final: 28,700 Ω/□ (After Aging)

TCR: -16.3 × 10⁻⁴/°CSPECIFIC RESISTIVITY: 374,000 × 10⁻⁸ Ω·cm.

% Change of Resistance

T(°C)

20

40

60

80

100

120

END

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY
v.s.
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE
of Zirconium Films

MODEL

DATE

EVAP. ATM. - Residual $\frac{1}{2}$ Oxygen
EVAP. SOURCE: Stranded W Wire
SUBSTRATE TEMP: 355°C - 460°C
FILM THICKNESS RANGE:
330 Å - 1200 Å

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY
($\times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm.)

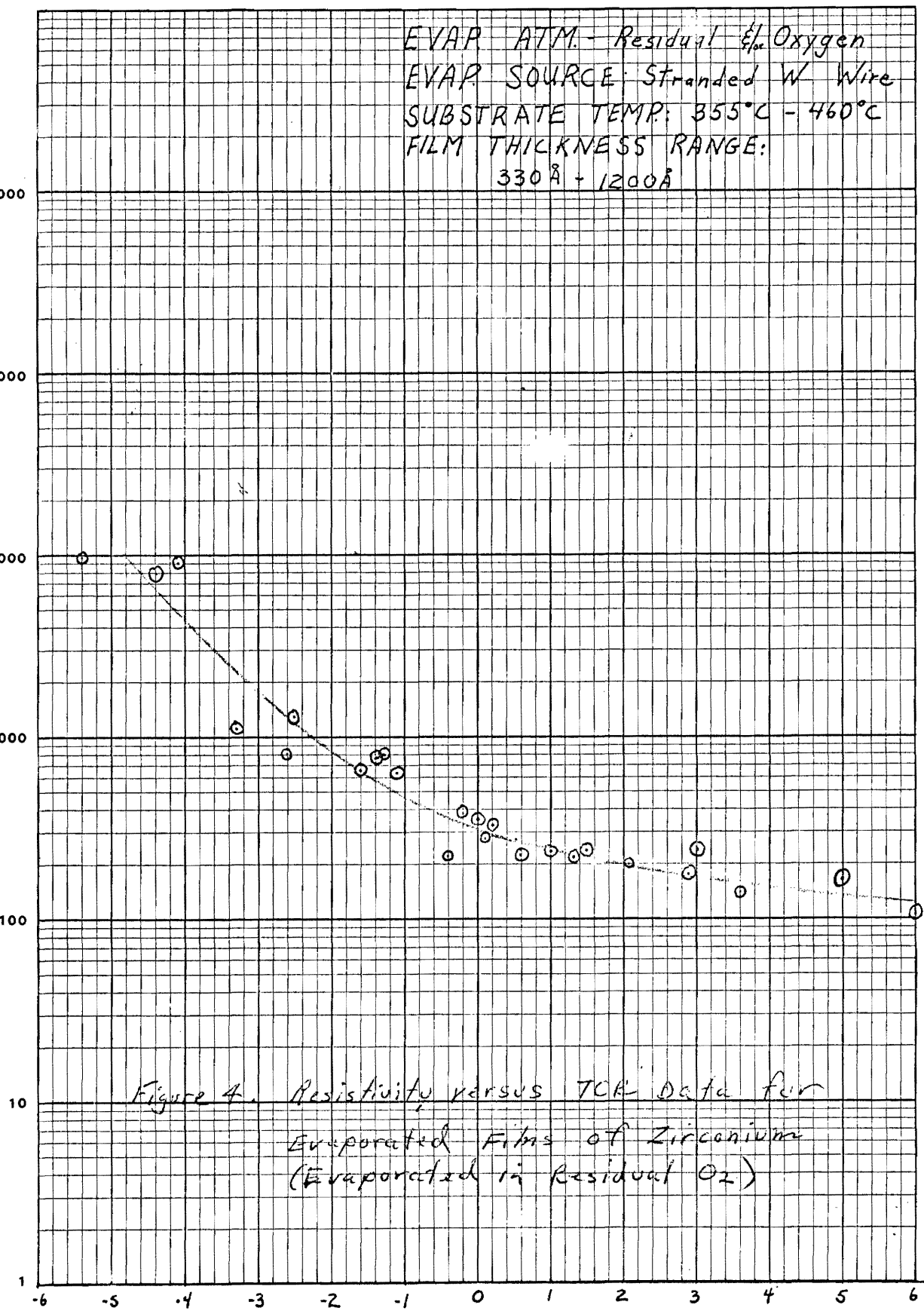


Figure 4. Resistivity versus TCR Data for
Evaporated Films of Zirconium
(Evaporated in Residual O_2)

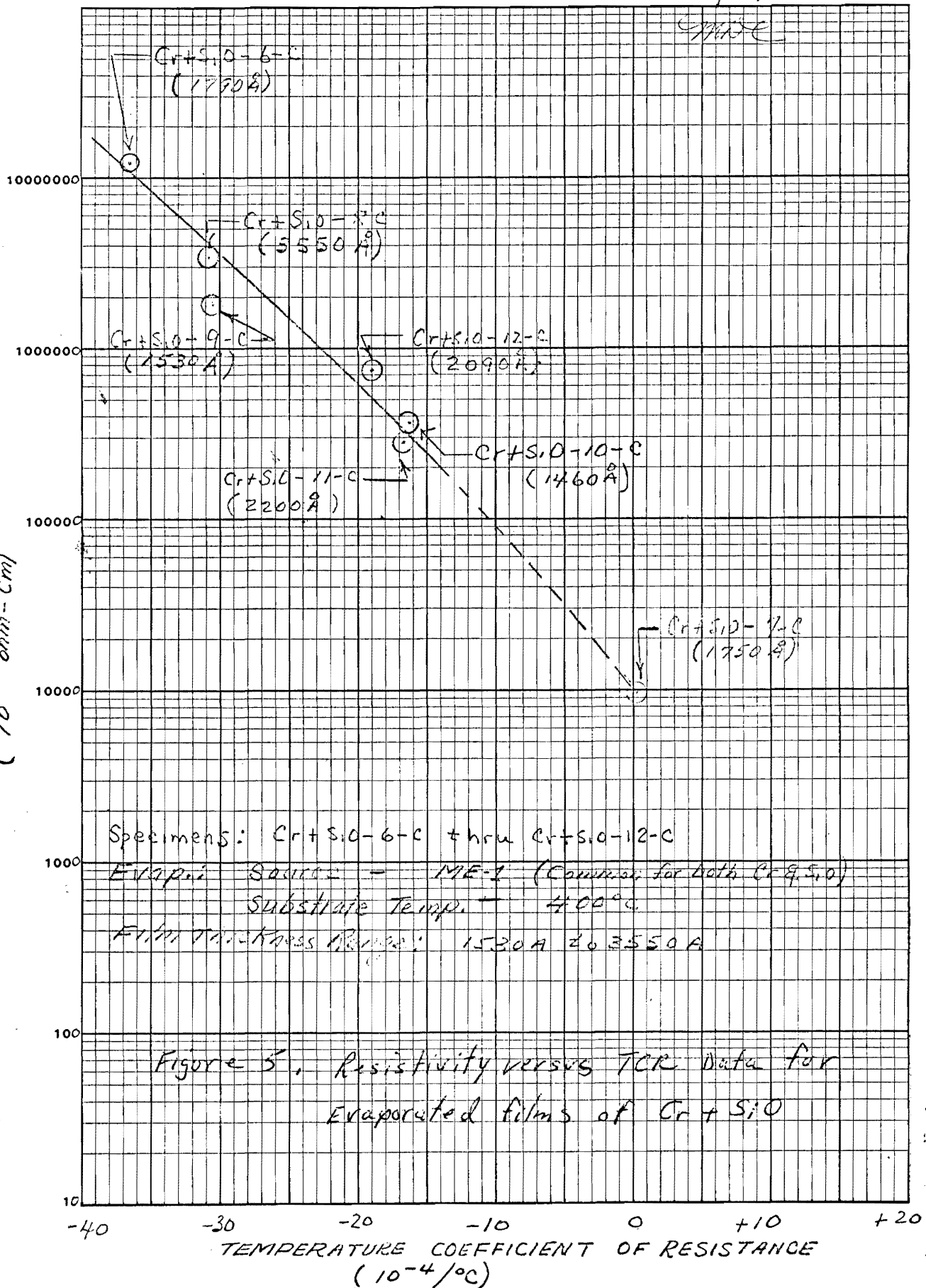
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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR FOR Cr + SiO FILMS

MODEL

DATE 9/7/65

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY
(10^{-6} ohm-cm)



SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR FOR TITANIUM FILMS

MODEL

DATE

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY
($\times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm.)

EVAP. ATM. - Residual + O_2
EVAP. SOURCE: Stranded W Wire
SUBSTRATE TEMP: $410^\circ C - 460^\circ C$
FILM THICKNESS RANGE:
 $240\text{\AA} - 660\text{\AA}$

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Figure 6. Resistivity versus TCR Data
for Films of Titanium evaporated
in Residual Oxygen

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11 October 1965

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 5
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 September 1965 to 1 October 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Approximately 51 film specimens were prepared and examined during the month. These consisted of the metals Zirconium (16) and Vanadium (12) reactively deposited in residual air or oxygen, the oxides V_2O_5 (6) and ZrO_2 (6) evaporated directly, and films of the codeposited materials Cr + SiO (4) and Mn + SiO (7). Thickness and TCR measurements were made on these and previously deposited films in order to plot log resistivity versus TCR for the various materials. The general characteristics of the films deposited are detailed in Table 1. Plots of TCR versus resistivity data obtained for the films of more pertinent interest, Cr + SiO, Mn + SiO, and Zr, ZrO_2 are shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3.

The Vanadium films proved to be little affected by reaction with oxygen and the maximum resistivity obtained by any film was approximately 300 microhm-cm. TCR values were $> 10 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}C$ for the thicker films. This behavior, however, points to a probable low aging characteristic for Vanadium deposited along with SiO. Vanadium oxide, V_2O_5 , on the other hand, was little reduced during direct evaporation and formed films of very high resistivity and high negative TCR.

The codeposits of Cr + SiO were continued and those of Mn + SiO were performed. Details of deposition are noted on the respective Figures 1 and 2. It is readily seen that both of these combinations produce films in the desirable range of resistivity and TCR. Specifically the Cr + SiO films in the resistivity range 1000 to 10,000 $\times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm exhibit TCR values of

$\pm 1 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ and Mn+SiO exhibit the TCR range $+1$ to $-3 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The plots of the data for the two curves are nearly coincident with a slight negative shift of the TCR values of the Mn+SiO with respect to those of Cr+SiO at the lower resistivity ranges.

The data for reactively deposited Zr and for single source ZrO_2 are shown in Figure 3. Here it appears that the data for the reactively deposited Zr and for the ZrO_2 are not part of the same system. Whereas the reactively deposited Zr displays a negative TCR of about $-5 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ at a resistivity of $10,000 \times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm it appears that the ZrO_2 data will intercept the $10,000 \times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm line within the range $+1 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ as in the case of the Cr or V codeposited with SiO. In fact the near coincidence of the general pattern of behavior is remarkable and it appears that a selection of the desired material must be made on the basis of aging performance, reproducibility, economy of preparation, and reliability.

It is worthy of note here that the behavior of pure oxides on evaporation from boats or filaments of various metals has been different, implying that the filament is responsible for some reduction of the respective oxide at the high temperature of the filament. For instance TiO evaporated from tungsten and tantalum boats respectively gave the resistivities and TCR values of approximately 1500×10^{-6} ohm-cm and $-4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for tungsten and 750×10^{-6} ohm-cm and $-5 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for tantalum. The values of resistivity imply a somewhat greater reduction of the TiO by the tantalum filament. However, the TCR value does not support this conclusion, although the change here may be within the normal data scatter for any given film. A characteristic difference in resistivity and TCR was observed for films of TiO_2 under similar evaporation conditions and for Ta_2O_5 . These data are detailed in Table 2.

The occurrence of this filament effect is to be expected at such temperatures although little data insofar as we know have previously been reported. However, a similar behavior in reaction of less refractory metal-metal compounds heated together is well known.

The similarity of the data of Figures 1 and 2 is interesting and undoubtedly is related to the positions of Cr and Mn in the Periodic Table, atomic numbers 24 and 25 respectively with electron configurations of 2 2 6 2 6 5 1 and 2 2 6 2 6 5 2. Actually manganese was selected for experiment on this basis plus the fact that it had a vapor pressure very similar to that of SiO. Vanadium was also selected because of its position (atomic number 23) and electron configuration 2 2 6 2 6 3 2. The vapor pressure of Vanadium is considerably less than that of manganese for a given temperature; on the other hand vanadium appears much more corrosion resistant than manganese. In the succeeding transition series the desirable metals, based on the premises of electron configuration, are very refractory and may not be usable except by electron bombardment techniques. The other requirement of a vapor pressure satisfactory for co-deposition with SiO is met by a number of metals and several of these will be selected for future study.

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The program for the next period is to continue generally the studies now under way. Data for additional metal +SiO co-evaporations will be obtained as displayed in Figures 1 and 2. Some new nitride compounds and the metals tellurium, thulium, and gadolinium are on hand. Data on the results of the evaporation of these will be reported.

Respectfully submitted,

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Project Director

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Table 1

Parameters of Resistive Film Materials
Fabricated during Report Period 5

| Material | No. specimens | Thickness range (angstroms) | Specific resistance range ohm-cm x 10 ⁶ | TCR range (per °C) x 10 ⁴ |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Zirconium | 8 (3 layers) | 800 to 1,100 | 280 to 350 | ± 5 |
| | 4 (5 layers) | 900 to 1,200 | 100 to 400 | ± 1.5 |
| | 4 (Zr + O ₂) | 430 to 710 | 330 to 660 | ± 1.5 |
| Vanadium | 3 (1 x 10 ⁻⁶ Torr) | 740 to 925 | 90.2 to 102 | + 8.4 to 9.3 |
| | 9 (partial O ₂) up to 1 x 10 ⁻⁴ | 500 to 1,100 Å | 91 to 300 | + 4 to 15 |
| ZrO ₂ | 6 | 11,000 to 15,000 | 0.7 x 10 ⁵ to 3.8 x 10 ⁵ | - 2.9 to -12.5 |
| V ₂ O ₅ | 6 | | very high | -47 to -90 |
| Cr + SiO | 4 | 800 to 3,550 | 1,000 to 11,000 | - 2 to + 1 |
| Mn + SiO | 7 | 500 to 2,000 | 700 to 10 ⁷ | -33 to + 1 |

Table 2

Resistivities and TCR for Oxide Films
Evaporated from Different Source Metals

| Material | Property | Tungsten Source | Tantalum Source |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| TiO | Resistivity (ohm-cm x 10^6) | 1300 to 1800 | 750 \pm 100 |
| | TCR/ $^{\circ}$ C x 10^6 | -400 | - 500 |
| TiO ₂ | Resistivity (ohm-cm x 10^6) | 5 x 10^5 | 1000 |
| | TCR/ $^{\circ}$ C x 10^6 | -5200 | -750 |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ * | Resistivity (ohm-cm x 10^6) | > 10^7 | 5 x 10^5 to 3.5 x 10^7 |
| | TCR/ $^{\circ}$ C x 10^6 | -5400 | -7100 |

* A molybdenum boat was attacked severely by the Ta₂O₅ when heated and the evaporation attempt failed.

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR OF Cr + SiO FILMS

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)

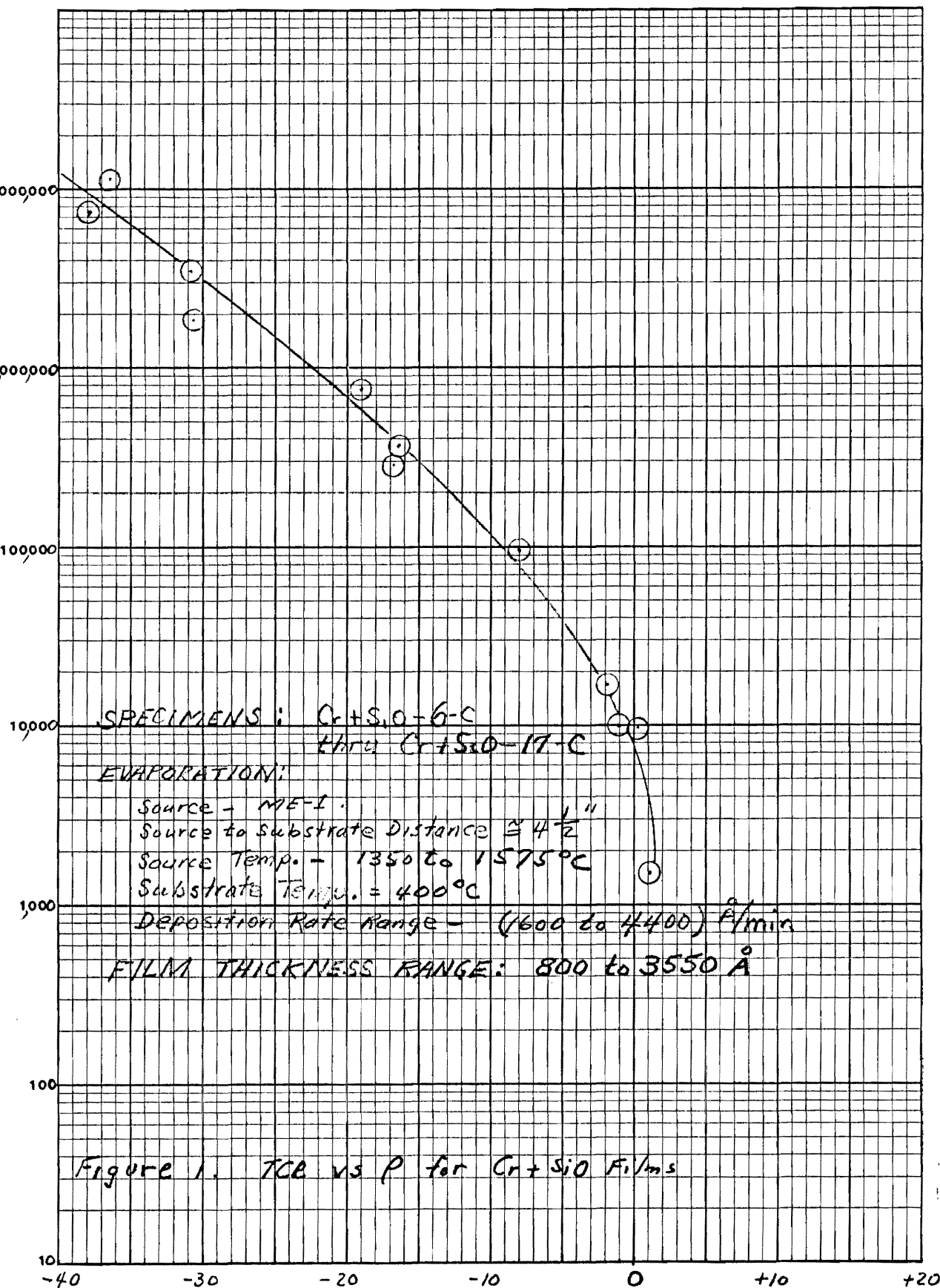


Figure 1. TCR vs ρ for Cr + SiO Films

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE
($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$)

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR OF Mn + SiO FILMS

MODEL

DATE

SPECIMENS: Mn+SiO-1-C 4HCU
Mn+SiO-7-C.

EVAPORATION:

SOURCE - ME-1 No. 3

SOURCE TO SUBSTRATE DISTANCE $\approx 4 \frac{1}{2}$ "

SOURCE TEMP. $\approx 1050^{\circ}\text{C}$

SUBSTRATE TEMP. $= 400^{\circ}\text{C}$

DEPOSITION RATE RANGE: 50-350 Å/min

THICKNESS RANGE: 500 to 2000 Å

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)

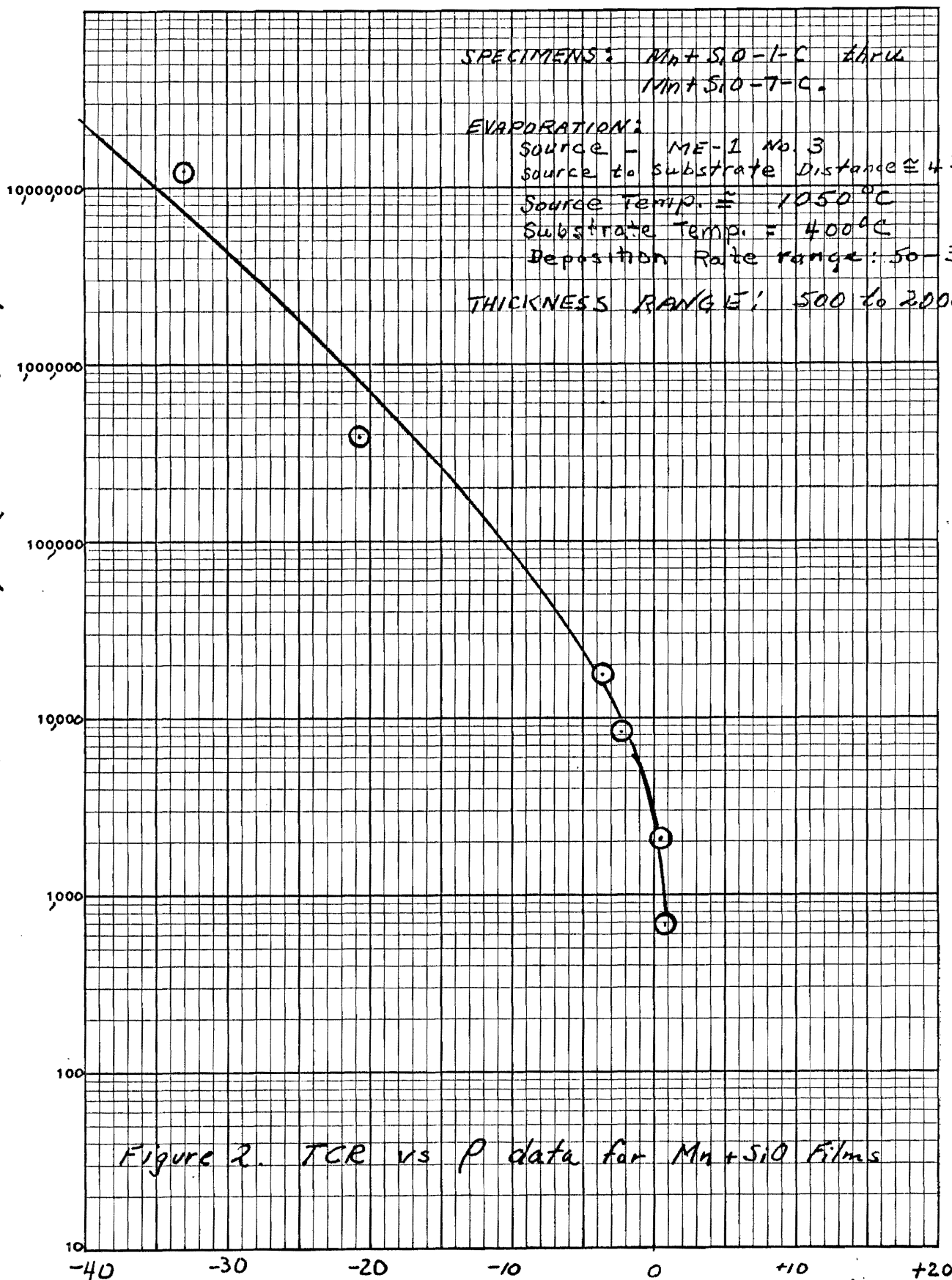


Figure 2. TCR vs ρ data for Mn+SiO Films

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE
($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$)

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR OF ZIRCONIUM-ZIRCONIUM OXIDE FILMS

MODEL

DATE 10/5/65

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)

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--x--x-- Deposited by evaporating ZrO_2 from W boat onto soft glass substrates heated to $450^\circ C$ at a chamber pressure of $\approx 2 \times 10^{-5}$ Torr. Thicknesses of films ranged from $11,000 \text{ \AA}$ to $17,000 \text{ \AA}$.

--o--o-- Deposited by evaporating Zr from W boat onto soft glass substrates at $300^\circ C$ to $450^\circ C$ and at pressures ranging from 1×10^{-4} Torr to 1×10^{-6} Torr. Thicknesses of films ranged from 200 \AA to 1200 \AA .

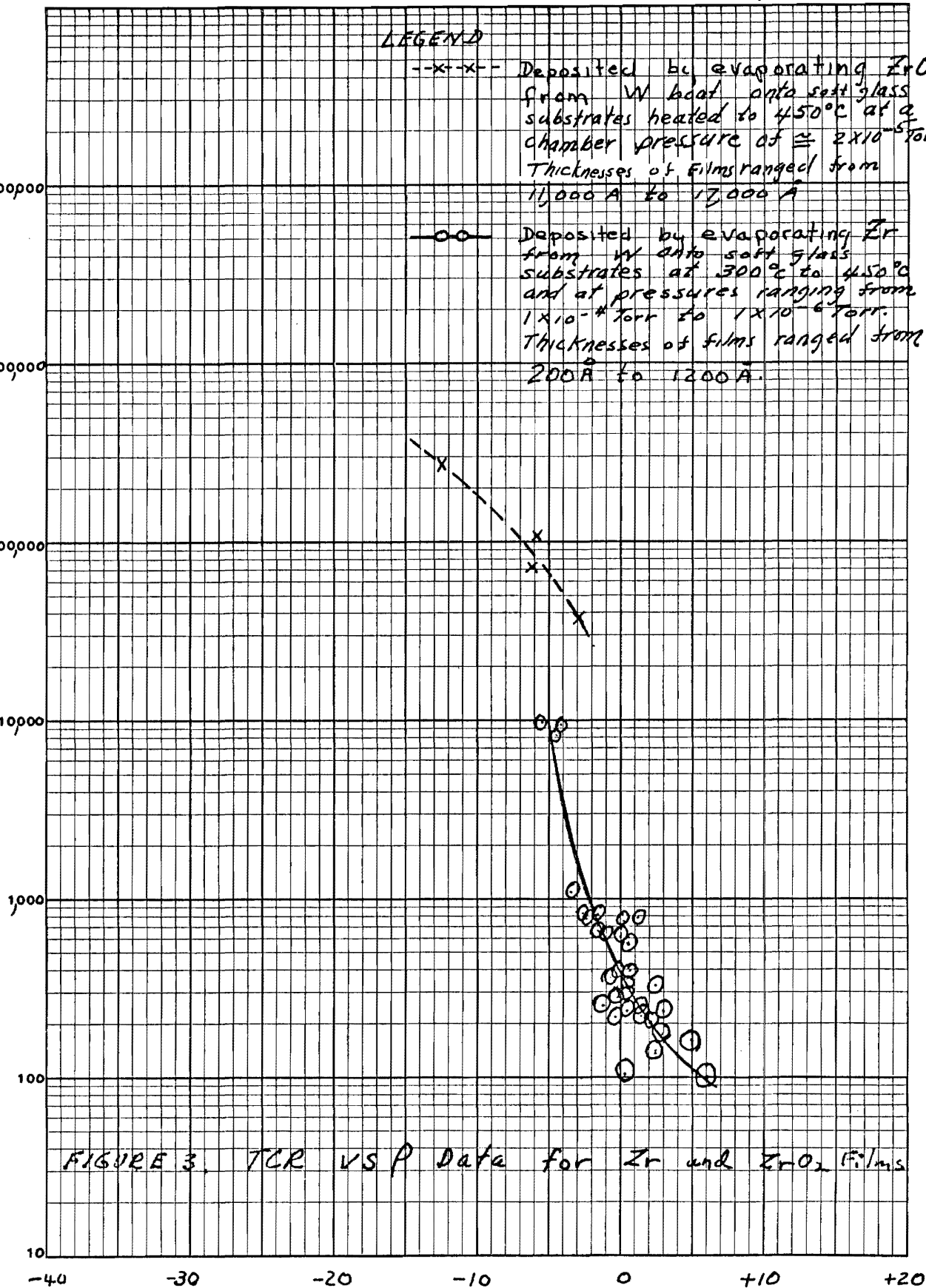


FIGURE 3. TCR vs ρ Data for Zr and ZrO_2 Films

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE
($10^{-4} / ^\circ C$)

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10 November 1965

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 6
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 October 1965 to 1 November 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Film specimens of titanium nitride, niobium nitride, zirconium oxide, and zirconium in residual oxygen were prepared and examined during the month. Preliminary studies were made of the dual evaporation of aluminum and silicon monoxide and of copper and silicon monoxide.

The data obtained for films of titanium nitride are shown in Figure 1. It will be noted that resistivities varied according to evaporation rate from 350 to 2700×10^{-6} ohm-cm or essentially from 35 to 270 ohms/sq for 1000 angstrom films. These values are too low to meet the desired specifications and the TCR values varied -0.00003 to -0.00075 over this range with the more negative value at the higher R/sq. Sublimation of the nitride occurred below the melting temperature of the TiN and partial reduction appears to have occurred, especially at the higher rates which gave lower resistivities. Substrate temperatures were 450°C .

A similar study of niobium nitride was attempted but this material proved to be very refractory and difficult to evaporate from a tungsten source.

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However, its employment using an electron beam source appears feasible. A few films were deposited. One film exhibited a very high resistivity, $> 10^7$ ohms-cm. A second, which undoubtedly underwent considerable reduction or decomposition, exhibited a resistivity of 6600×10^{-6} ohm-cm or 660 ohms/sq for a 1000 angstrom film. Its TCR was $-4.1 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$. These values bracket the range of our interest. However, electron beam work will be necessary for a proper investigation of this material.

Some work was continued on zirconium evaporated in an atmosphere of residual oxygen. All the data obtained for zirconium and zirconium oxide are shown in Figure 2.

Points of highest TCR ($> 7 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) were obtained with substrate temperatures in the range 50 to 250°C and without admitting O_2 into the vacuum chamber. The majority of films with specific resistivity values greater than 1000 microhm-cm were obtained in partial pressures of O_2 with the chamber pressure stabilized at pressures in the range 1×10^{-5} Torr to 1×10^{-4} Torr. (The lowest chamber pressure that can be obtained with the vacuum system used for this work is about 1×10^{-6} Torr). For the latter films, substrate temperatures were varied from 50°C to 450°C . Higher states of oxidation were obtained for the higher substrate temperatures at a given pressure.

The resistivity versus TCR data for the dual evaporations of chromium and silicon monoxide were furnished in letter report No. 5, dated 11 October 1965. Very similar resistivity versus TCR data were obtained for both Cr + SiO films and Mn + SiO films.

Structures of a number of the SiO + Cr films were examined by electron and x-ray diffraction methods. The films examined were in a near amorphous condition. A copy of the structure report received from the Diffraction Laboratories is appended. It is apparent that the films may have within them mixtures of Si, SiO, SiO_2 , Cr, or Cr_2O_3 . Films 15 C and 16 C have the most desirable electrical properties. However, the accuracy of the structure determination, with the films used, was not sufficient to give a graded structure difference that correlated with the electrical measurements. Additional structural studies will be performed by electron transmission diffraction and by x-ray diffraction of thicker films.

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For the month of November it is planned to continue the studies now in course. In particular it is expected to examine films of the dually evaporated pairs SiO + Aluminum and SiO + Copper.

A trip was made to Huntsville on November 1, 1965 by Mr. R. B. Belser and Mr. M. D. Carithers for technical conferences on the work of the Project. Progress to date and plans for the future were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Belser
Project Director

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Figure 1.
SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF FILMS FORMED BY EVAPORATING
TIN IN HIGH VACUUM (10-25-65)

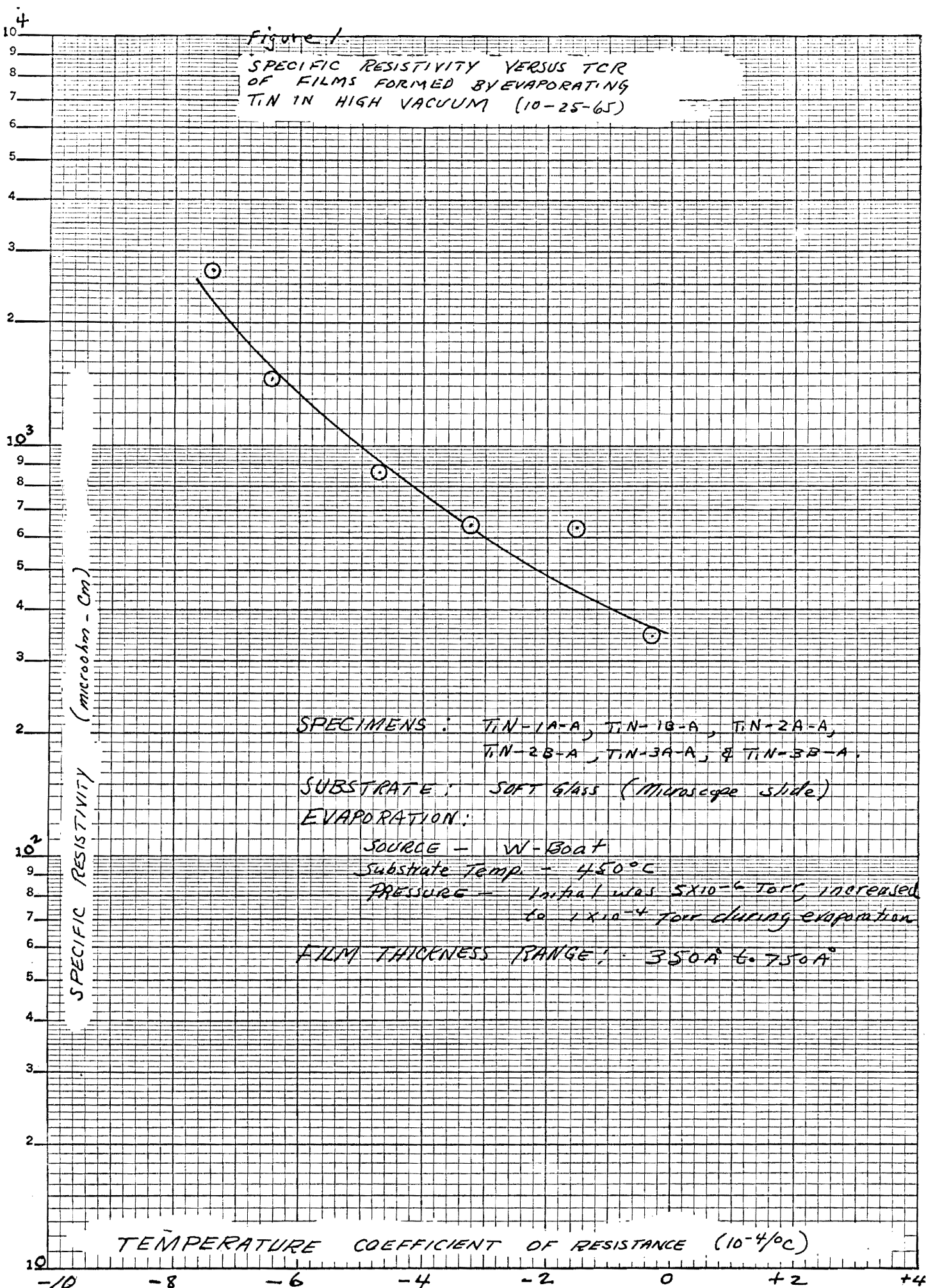
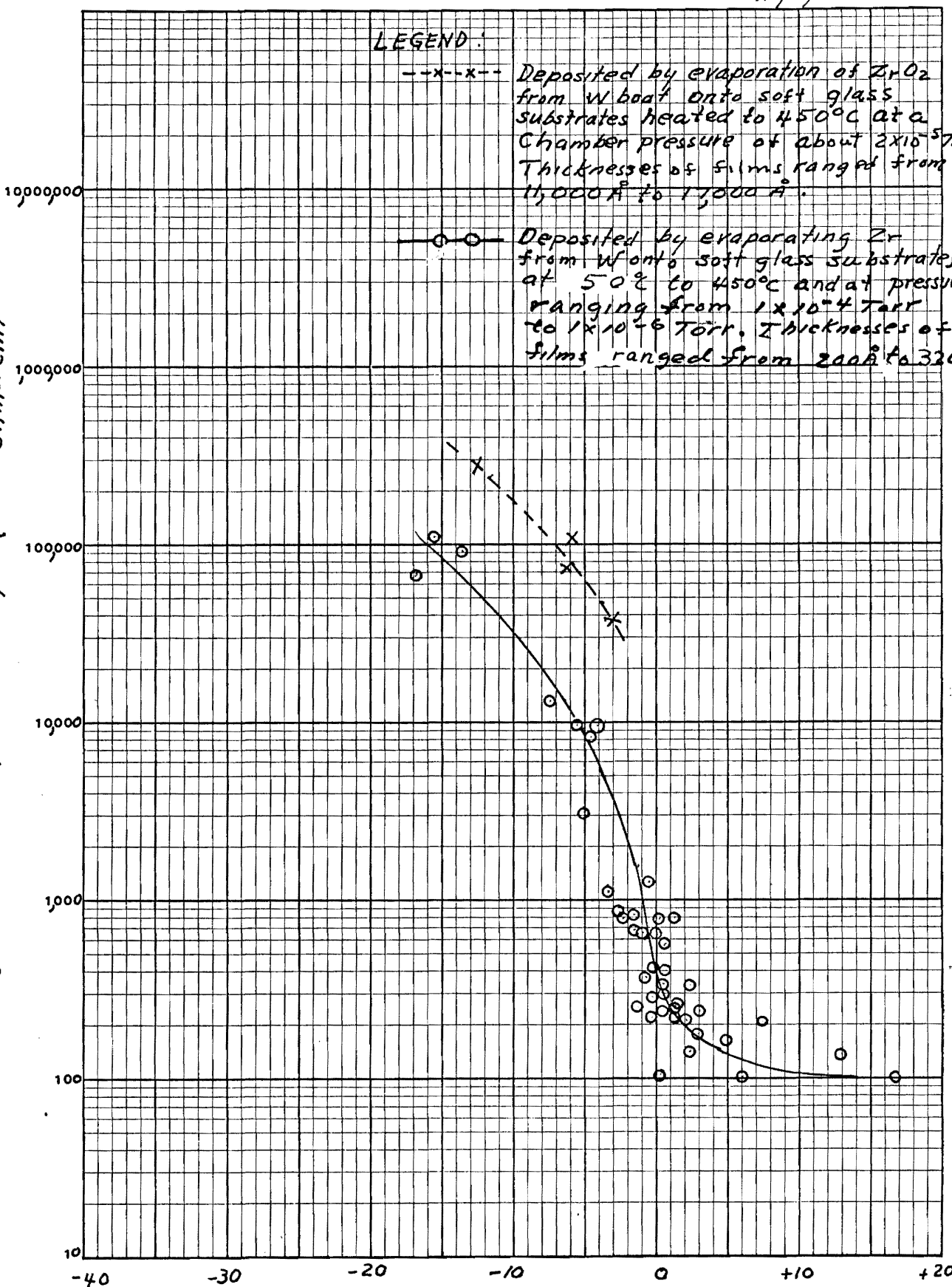


Figure 2. SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF ZIRCONIUM-ZIRCONIUM OXIDE FILMS

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)



TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE
($10^{-4} / ^\circ C$)

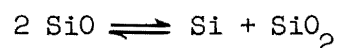
Appendix A

1 November 1965

TO: Mr. R. B. Belser
VIA: Dr. R. A. Young
FROM: R. J. Gerdes
SUBJECT: Cr - SiO Films, Project A 858

All the samples were investigated by reflection electron diffraction and x-ray diffraction techniques.

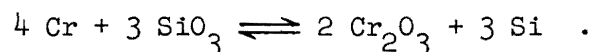
The obtained diffraction patterns consist - except for the chromium film - either of very weak or very weak and broad peaks. There error in the determination of the d-spacings is therefore probably high. It also seems that the experimental results can only be explained with the assumption of several chemical reactions during the evaporation process of the films. The reaction



is possible as well as the reactions



and



The formation of Cr_2O_3 is suggested by its relatively high heat of formation of about 266 kcal/mol (SiO : 103 kcal/mol, $\text{SiO}_2(\alpha\text{-quartz})$: 201 kcal/mol).

The formation of Cr_3Si and higher or lower oxides of the chromium cannot be excluded. For the interpretation of the experimental data, however, only the relatively stable compounds Cr_2O_3 and $\text{SiO}_2(\alpha\text{-quartz})$ and necessarily also Cr, Si and SiO were considered. The results are presented in Table I.

More reliable measurements of d-spacings would probably be obtained by transmission electron diffraction. For precise determinations by x-ray diffraction techniques thicker deposits would be desirable.

Table I

| Sample | Material as indicated by reflection electron diffraction | Material as indicated by x-ray diffraction |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Cr | Cr ^{*)} | Cr |
| SiO - 29 | SiO ^{**)} | SiO |
| SiO - 32 | - | Si or SiO ₂ ^{***)} |
| Cr + SiO - 8 - C | SiO, Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO ₂ , Cr or Cr ₂ O ₃ |
| Cr + SiO - 11 - C | SiO ₂ , Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO ₂ , Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ |
| Cr + SiO - 13 - C | SiO ₂ , Cr or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO, SiO ₂ |
| Cr + SiO - 15 - C | Cr, Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ , Si or SiO ₂ |
| Cr + SiO - 16 - C | Cr, possibly Cr ₂ O ₃ | - |
| Cr + SiO - 17 - C | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ , Si or SiO ₂ | Cr, possibly Cr ₂ O ₃ |

*) Strong preferred orientation with [111] as fiber axis. No other orientation present.

**) See also: Grube, G. and H. Speidel: Z. Elektrochemie 53.339 (1949).

***) Modification assumed to be α -quartz.

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Parameters of Above Films

| Specimen No | Thickness (Angstroms) | Resistivity (micro-ohm cm) | TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 13 C | 814 | 7.72×10^6 | -37.9 |
| 8 C | 3552 | 3.42×10^6 | -30.9 |
| 11 C | 2204 | 2.77×10^5 | -16.9 |
| 17 C | 2280 | 987×10^4 | -8.04 |
| 16 C | 1580 | 1.7×10^4 | -1.87 |
| 15 C | 1630 | 9.95×10^3 | -1.01 |

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10 December 1965

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 7
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 November 1965 to 1 December 1965

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Research during the month has been devoted primarily to preparation and measurements specimens of the co-evaporated systems Al + SiO and Cu + SiO. Approximately 31 specimens were prepared by co-evaporation from separate sources and necessary resistance, TCR, and thickness measurements were made.

In Figure 1 are exhibited the data for the Al + SiO system; the conditions of evaporation are noted on the graph. The TCR versus resistivity plot indicates that a specific resistivity of 10,000 ohm-cm (1000 ohms/sq for 1000 angstrom film) is obtained at a TCR of $-12 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ which is undesirably large. Moreover at a TCR of essentially zero the R/sq for a 100 angstrom film is only about 60 ohms. These films are fairly stable with respect to time and temperature; however, no extensive aging tests have been conducted to define precisely film stability.

In Figure 2 are exhibited the data for the Cu + SiO system; the conditions of evaporation are stated on the graph. The TCR versus resistivity plot discloses a most unusual grouping, not characteristic of the behavior of any other

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metal-substance pair examined. The films with only a few exceptions exhibited relatively high positive TCR values, $> 4 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ being the lowest recorded. The few negative values recorded were all very negative $< -15 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$; and no value between -15×10^{-4} and $+ 4 \times 10^{-4}$ were recorded. It is worth noting that a resistivity as high as 2×10^5 for a film with a positive TCR of 400 parts per million was measured. The R/sq of this film would thus be 20,000 ohms/sq which is most unusual at this TCR value and sign. The appearance of the wide gap in the plot may indicate chemical reaction between the co-evaporated materials under certain conditions. However, we do not presently have a proper explanation for the behavior observed. The possibility of the evaporation of triple substances, with the copper used to increase positive TCR and resistivity, has been suggested; and we may make a few trial runs of this nature in the future.

In the preparation of the films discussed the aluminum and SiO were evaporated from boron nitride crucibles heated by tantalum wire coils; the two heating elements in turn were surrounded by a tantalum heat shield to reduce radiation losses. The aluminum, after several evaporations, diffused over the surface of the boron nitride crucible and onto the tantalum wire damaging it. A different crucible configuration, utilizing an overhanging lip, may remedy this fault.

Copper and SiO were evaporated from two independent tungsten boats and gave no trouble. However, the boats were separated from each other by a distance of 1-inch and this gave a distribution problem at the substrate distance of 4.5 inches. It was the intent to examine a number of distributions of $\text{Cu} + \text{SiO}$ and the separation assisted the experiment from this standpoint; however, closer positioning of the two sources with respect to each other appears desirable.

A number of films of both varieties examined were prepared for electron diffraction analyses. Only a portion of these have been analyzed as yet; the results will be tabulated in the next letter report.

Work on the Microcircuit Laboratory has been progressing steadily, and its facilities will be available shortly for use by this project. A move into

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this laboratory has already taken place in part, and it should be completed in 4 to 6 weeks. The research on the project will be considerably aided by access to these improved facilities.

Plans for the ensuing month are to complete the studies now underway and a study of the tin + SiO system. The move into the microcircuit facility will be essentially completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Project Director

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Figure 1. SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF AL + SiO FILMS

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DATE 12/12/65

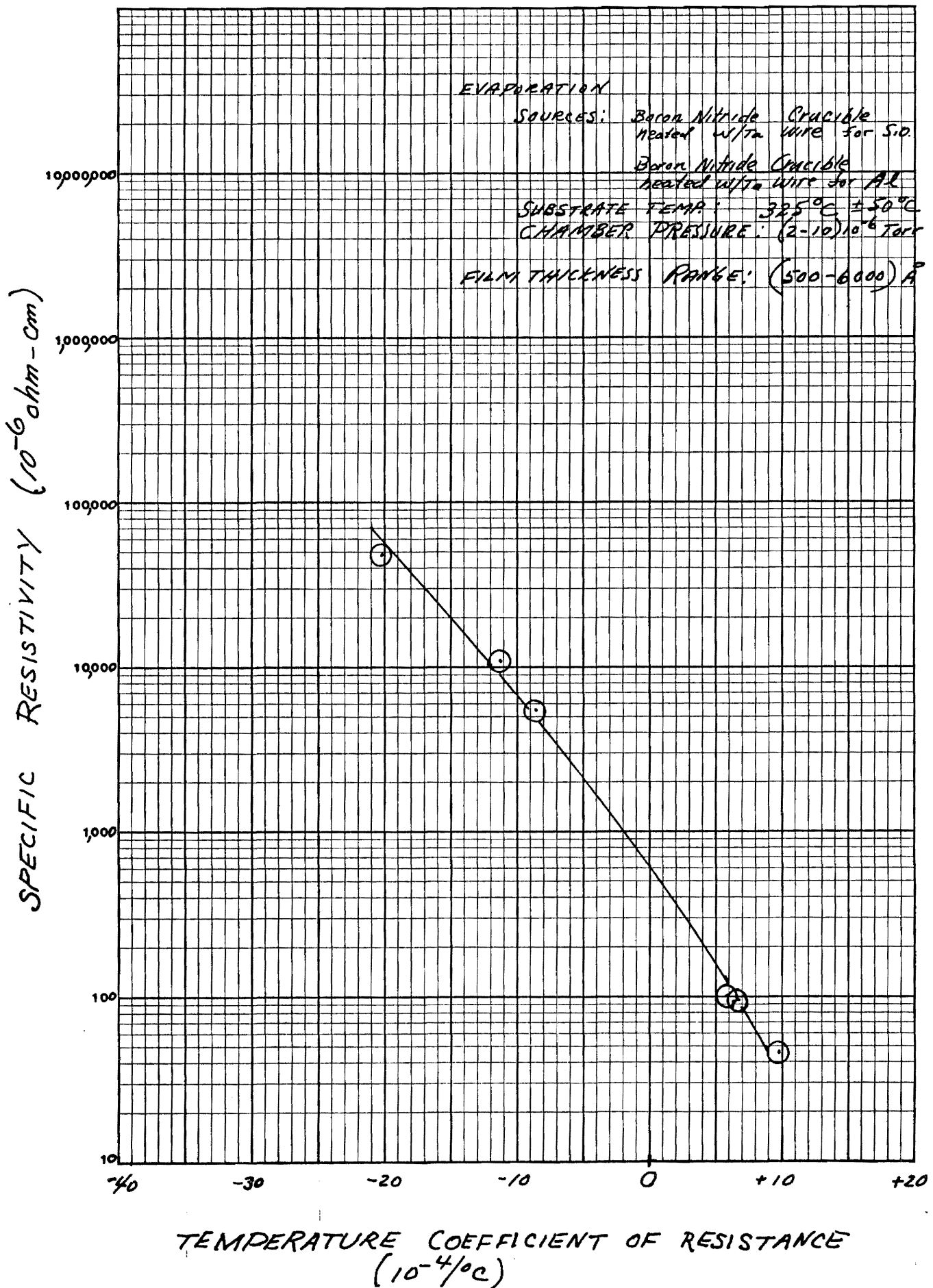
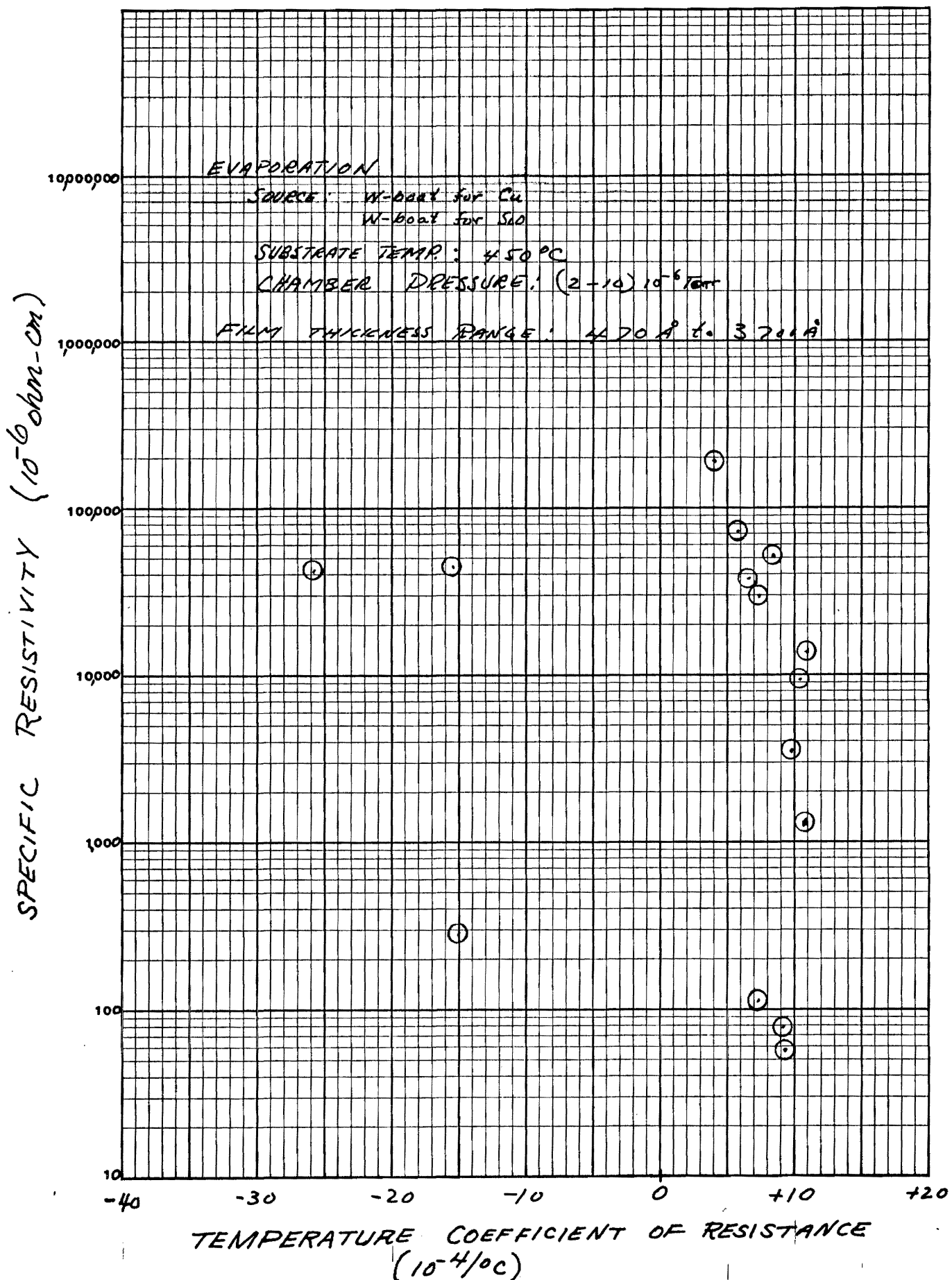


Figure 2 - SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF Cu + SiO FILMS

MODEL

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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 8
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 December 1965 to 1 January 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Research during the month has been devoted primarily to the preparation and measurements of specimens of the co-evaporated systems Al + SiO and Sn + SiO. Ten specimens of each series were prepared by co-evaporation from separate sources and electrical resistance, TCR, and thickness measurements were made.

Additional data obtained for the Al + SiO films may be observed in Figure 1. The data points of interest are the ones at +2, +6, and +8 x 10⁻⁴/°C. It will be noted that these are on or close to the curve projected from the fewer points and submitted as Figure 1 of Monthly Letter Report No. 7. It is evident that near zero TCR the resistivity will be in the neighborhood of 600 x 10⁻⁶ ohm-cm which represents an R/sq of only 60 ohms for a 1000 angstrom film. This is far too low to be of interest for high resistance applications.

The tin + SiO films prepared however displayed very high resistivities, currently out of the range of the resistance bridge being used. Efforts are being made to bring the resistivities of films of this pair down to the desired range.

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The structural studies of the various films have not been completed. Work currently is being conducted with the electron microprobe to determine if a method for accurate quantitative analysis of films can be developed by the use of this instrument.

The final equipment for the microcircuit Lab has now been received and installed, with the exception of a new electron beam gun and power supply expected by late January. We currently have two vacuum systems in this laboratory, a VE-400 equipped with a microcircuit jig designed and built here and a new VE-775 equipped with an Edwards microcircuit jig. Both of these are now available for this work, and it is expected that a large part of the work will now be conducted in the microcircuit facility.

Plans for the month of January are to continue work on the Sn + SiO series and to obtain additional measurements on the Cu + SiO series. A series of aging measurements on resistive elements previously completed will be commenced and further work on film composition and structure will be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

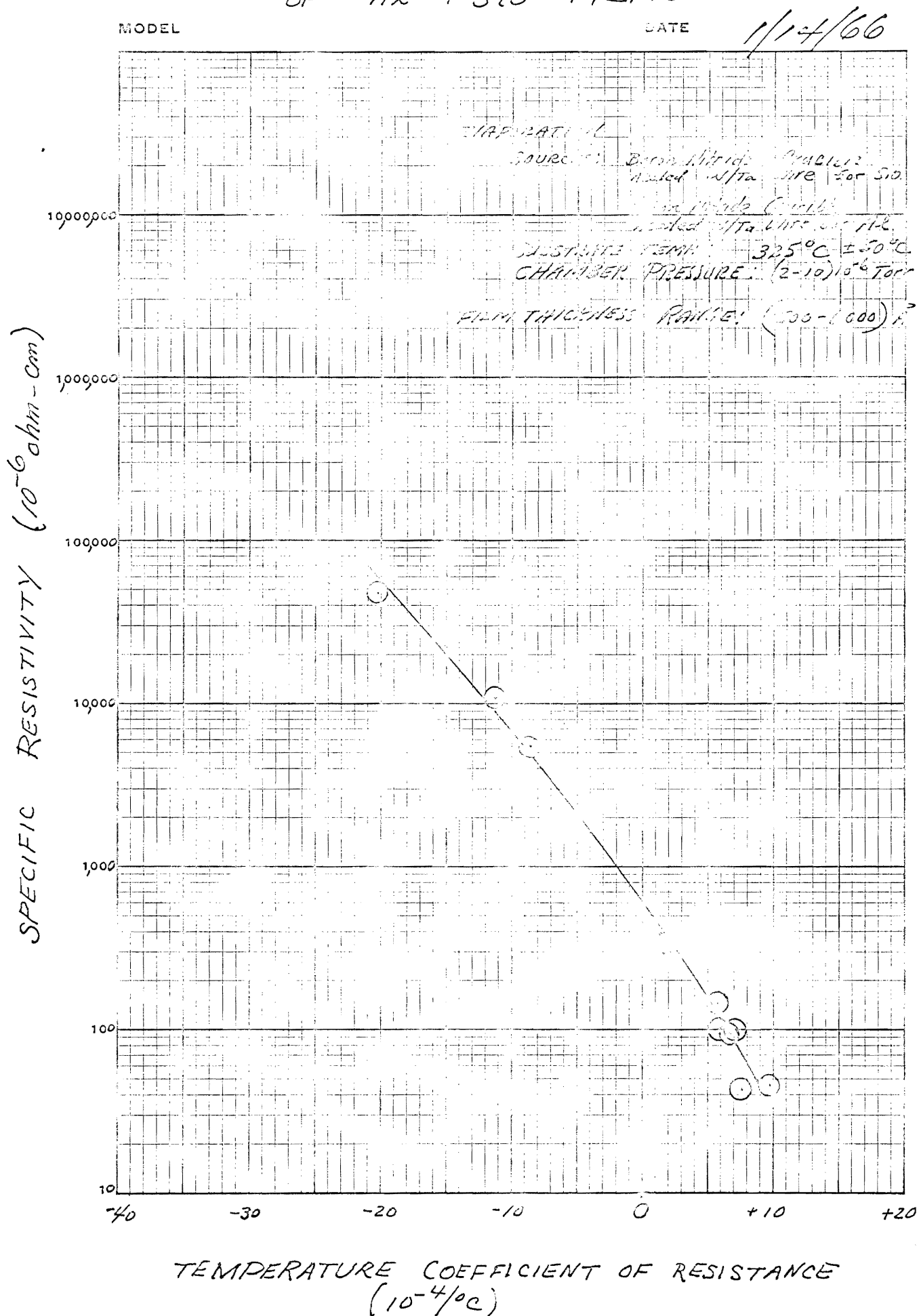
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Figure 1. SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF AL + SiO FILMS



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National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 9
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 January 1966 to 1 February 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

The work during the month has been directed toward completion of the microcircuit facilities, analysis of films of the species Cu + SiO and Al + SiO, and the initiation of aging studies of the films of Mn + SiO.

Equipment for the microcircuit laboratory is now essentially complete. However, minor design changes in the plating jigs and installation of the electron beam gun VEECO Model VeB-6C and its power supply have required a considerable expenditure of time. This investment is expected to greatly increase film output and broaden the range of materials that may be handled during the remainder of the work. Satisfactory operation of these facilities is expected during the month of February. Twenty four film specimens of Aluminum, SiO, and Copper were prepared to obtain analytical standards for previously fabricated Al + SiO and Cu + SiO films.

The substrates were carbon coated copper electron microscope grids for 13 of the specimens; these will be used as standards for the electron microprobe. Film thicknesses varied from about 500 Å to 2000 Å for each

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material. The remaining eleven specimens were films deposited on glass simultaneously with the grid specimens, for film thickness determinations.

12 Mn + SiO film specimens were fabricated for aging studies. TCR values ranged from approximately $-40 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+1 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. These were stored in a convection oven at 125°C to determine their aging characteristics in the no-load condition. The aging will be studied for a minimum period of 1000 hours. Preliminary aging data on these will be available in the near future.

In the preparation of Al + SiO films, boron nitride crucibles were used for evaporating the aluminum and SiO. Boron nitride appeared to be an excellent source of material except for the fact that the molten aluminum would flow up the inside wall, over the top, and down the outside wall of the crucible. During the course of two or three evaporations the aluminum would destroy the tantalum coil used to heat the crucible. Figure 1a illustrates the helix - crucible arrangement first used. As illustrated in Figure 1b, crucibles were fabricated with an extended rim or lip at the top. Even with relatively large rims, the aluminum would migrate to the tantalum helix. The problem was finally eliminated by using an arrangement of the crucible and tantalum coil shown in Figure 1c. In this arrangement, several turns of the coil extended above the crucible and created a hot zone at and above the lip of the crucible. With this arrangement the migrating aluminum melt evaporated before reaching the outside edge of the crucible. A simple, large capacity, and durable evaporation source for aluminum has been sought for some time. The arrangement of Figure 1c is a very satisfactory solution to the problem.

Plans for the succeeding month are to prepare specimens and conduct aging examinations of the species Cu + SiO, Cr + SiO, and Mn + SiO. Effects on aging of baking the specimens in air and application of protective overcoats of SiO or other materials will be examined. Coevaporation of various metals and SiO in partial pressures of oxygen are planned. These are expected to yield films with a higher percentage of SiO and SiO₂ and a lower relative

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percentage of reduced species.

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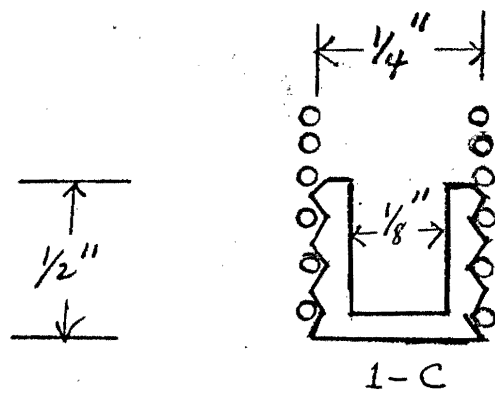
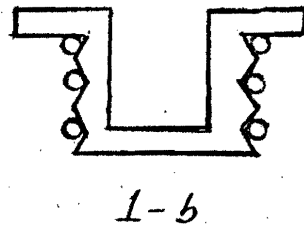
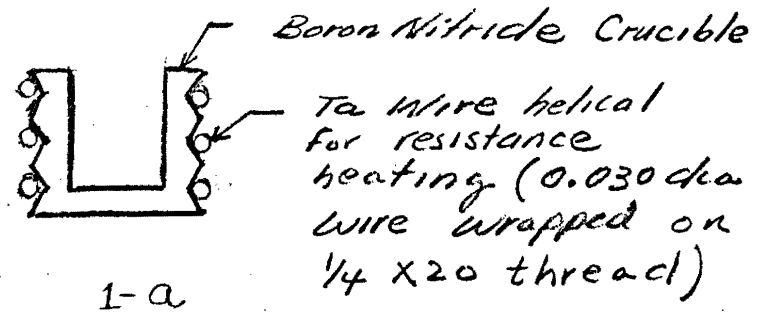


FIGURE 1.

CRUCIBLE - HEATER ARRANGEMENTS
USED TO EVAPORATE ALUMINUM

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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 10
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"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 February 1966 to 1 March 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Research during the month has been principally directed toward the fabrication of Mn + SiO and Cu + SiO films for extension of data on these systems and for aging studies which are now underway. The electron gun, VeB-6C, has been installed in the VEECO VE-775 vacuum system; upon delivery the gun was found to be lacking an electron deflection plate and we have encountered some delay in obtaining the missing part. Fortunately this has now arrived from the factory and is currently being installed. A review has been made of the data developed thus far in order to evaluate our present position with respect to obtaining the objectives of the research and to outline the program for the remaining period.

Sixteen specimens of Mn + SiO were prepared. These lay within the range 1000×10^{-6} ohm-cm to 10 ohm-cm and generally over the curve of Figure 1 (repeated from Monthly Progress Letter No. 5) and hence essentially over the TCR range $+1$ to $-35 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$; the resistivity vs TCR curve for Mn + SiO has been found to very repetitive. Eight of these

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units were overcoated with approximately 6000 angstroms of SiO and the remaining eight were left uncoated. These were then placed in an oven in air at 125°C in order to compare the relative aging of the protected and unprotected pairs. Special contact jigs have been made to measure the individual units expeditiously with minimum handling. Preliminary aging results indicate that aging of the unprotected units has been in the range 4 to 20 percent in 50 hours in air at 125°C; films protected by a silicon monoxide overcoat exhibited changes in the same period of only a few tenths of a percent. Comprehensive data on aging will be available for the next report.

Thirteen specimens of Cu + SiO were fabricated and their TCR values were measured. Again TCR values were shown to exhibit a wide gap in values, in this case from $+2 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $-15 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, similar to the behavior shown in Figure 2 (from Monthly Progress Letter No. 7). The unique feature of the copper + SiO is the positive TCR of $+2$ to $+4 \times 10^{-4}$ even at resistivities much above the target value of 10^{-2} ohm-cm (1000 ohms/sq for a 1000 angstrom film). Aging data obtained on Cu + SiO units in the course of TCR measurements have indicated severe aging in air without protection at temperatures above 75°C. This property is a severe handicap in the employment of films of this species. However, the mixture of a portion of this positive TCR ingredient into other species is still an intriguing possibility.

Previously initiated studies of TiN + SiO did not give usable films when deposited above substrate temperatures of 50°C. Resistivity values for the TiN + SiO were extremely high (beyond the bridge limits of 10^7 ohms). The character of films of this species was fairly soft and porous and lacked the resistance to scratching exhibited by the Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO pairs. Cu + SiO films were also softer than the Cr + SiO or Mn + SiO pairs.

A review of the various metal + SiO, metal + O₂ pairs and other materials examined thus far along with data pertinent to the various pairs are exhibited in Table 1. Here it will be observed that some 20 species have been examined and that these cover a wide extreme of resistivities and TCR values. However, if we examine the resistivities obtainable at

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essentially $0 \pm 5 \times 10^{-4}$ TCR we discover that the materials fitting best the desired category of essentially 10^{-2} ohm-cm are Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO. Zirconium also looks promising and should be examined in conjunction with SiO additives. It will be recognized immediately that the pair Cr + SiO which has received much emphasis previously is an excellent choice among the metals which can be evaporated from a tungsten filament, boat, or heated crucible. However, previous work with the refractory metals, principally sputtered, has indicated that these metals have desirable characteristics which probably can be duplicated by electron beam evaporated films. We are now in a position to perform experiments with the refractory metal elements. There is also good reason to believe that further studies of the transition metals coevaporated with silicon monoxide would be desirable.

Research for the next period will be devoted to the aging evaluation of Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO films and beginning studies of some of the refractory species that can be prepared with the electron beam equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR OF Mn + SiO FILMS

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)

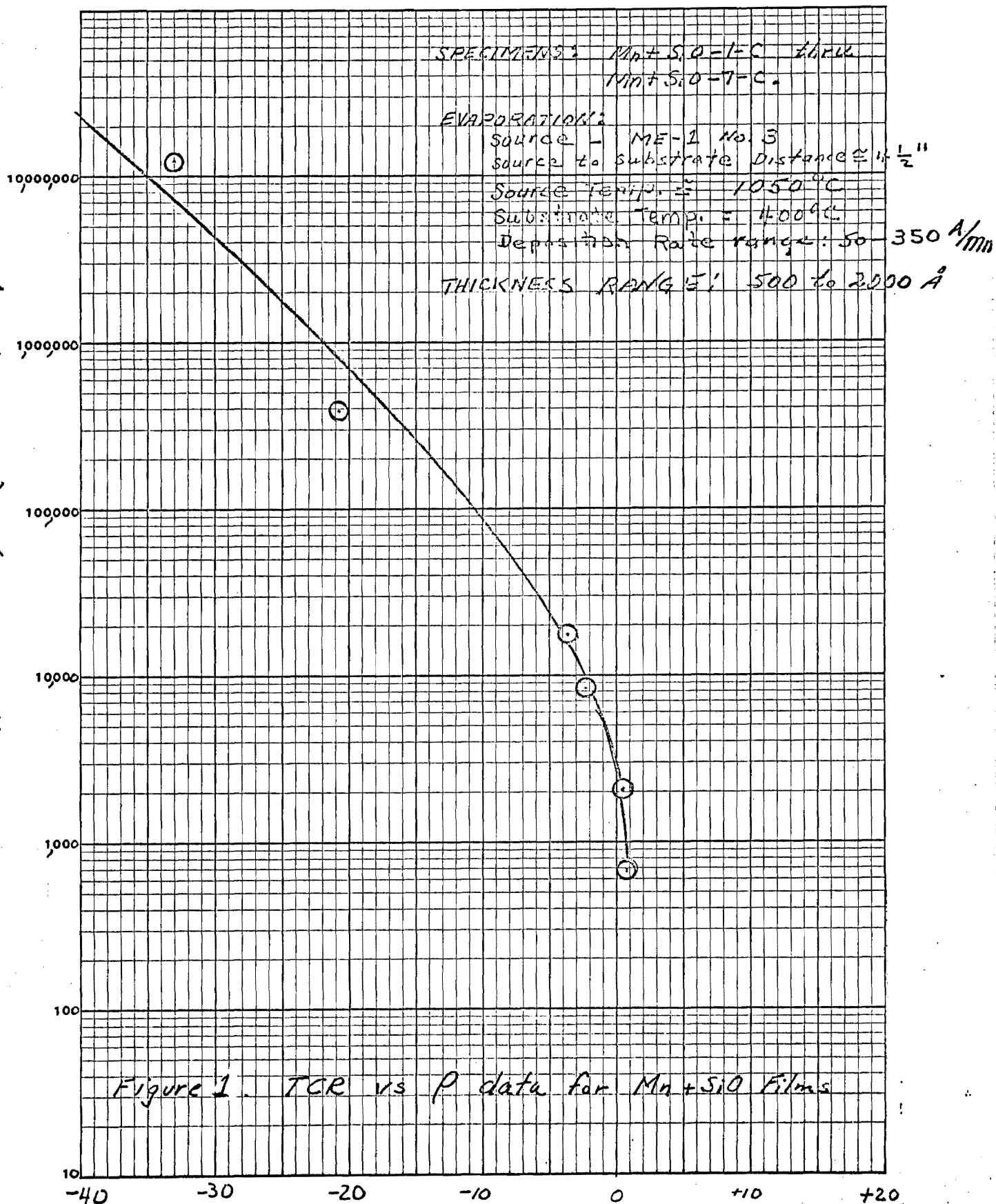


Figure 1. TCR vs ρ data for Mn+SiO Films

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE

Figure 2 - SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS TCR
OF Cu + SiO FILMS

MODEL

DATE 12/12/65

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (10^{-6} ohm-cm)

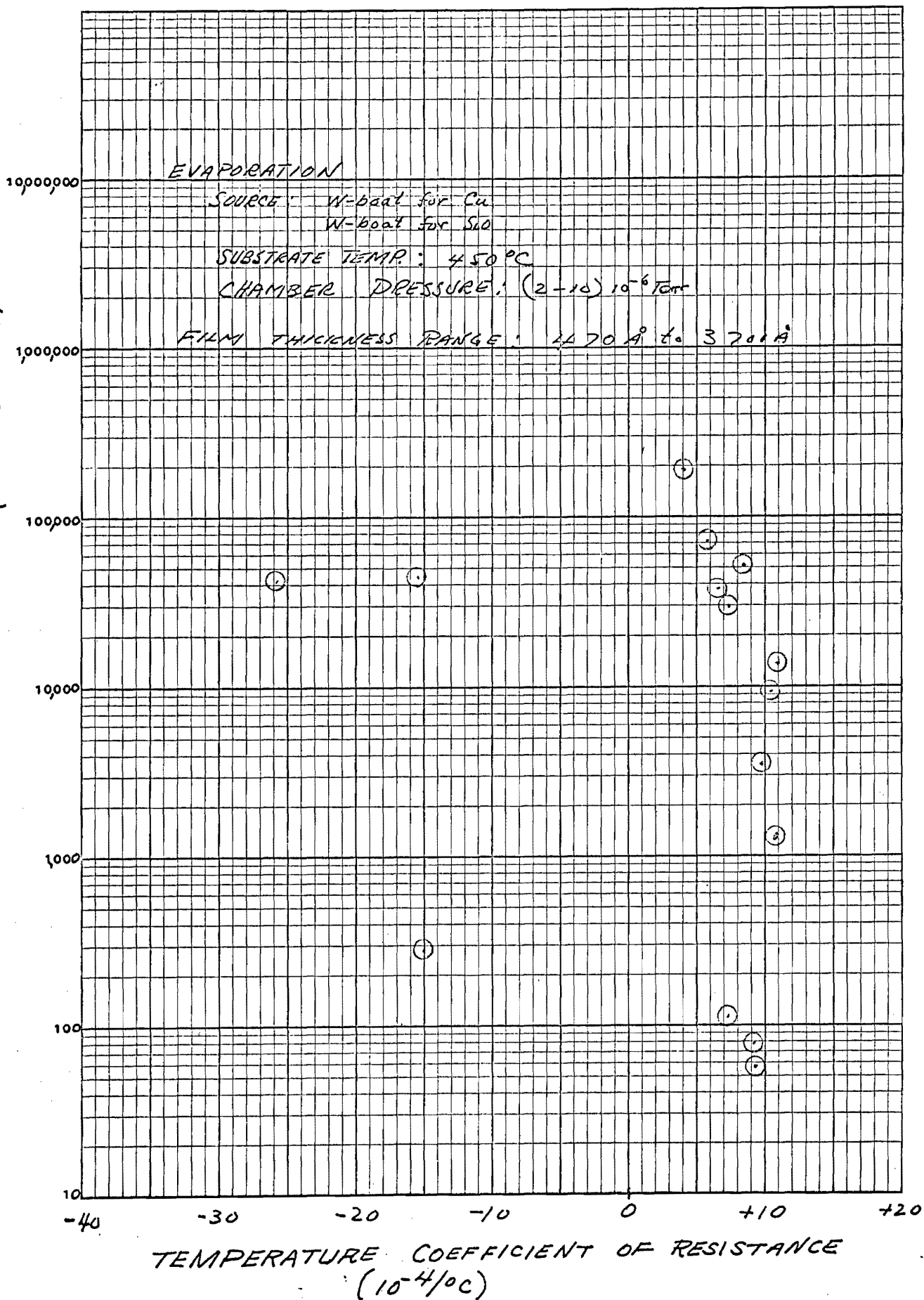


TABLE I
RESISTIVITIES AND TCR VALUES FOR VARIOUS
EVAPORATED RESISTIVE MATERIALS

| Material | TCR Span ($\times 10^4/\%C$) | Resistivity Span (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Resistivity at 0 TCR (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Resistivity at $-5 \times 10^{-4}/\%C$ (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Comments |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Cr + SiO | -38 to +1 | 1500 to 10^7 | 10,000 | 40,000 | |
| Mn + SiO | -33 to +1 | 700 to 10^7 | 2,500 | 23,000 | |
| Al + SiO | -20 to +10 | 48 to 48,000 | 600 | 2,100 | |
| Co + SiO | -26 to +11 | 60 to 200,000 | $> 2 \times 10^5$ | — | Large gap in values from + to - |
| Sn + SiO | — | — to $> 10^7$ | — | — | |
| TiO | -5 to -4 | 687 to 1800 | — | 1800 | |
| Ti + O ₂ | -54 to -7 | 770 to 10^7 | — | < 770 | |
| TiN | -7.5 to 0 | 350 to 2700 | 350 | 1,000 | |
| Zr | -17 to +17 | 100 to 10^5 | 400 | 9,000 | |
| ZrO ₂ | -13 to -3 | 13,000 to 3×10^5 | 10^4 (est) | 70,000 | |
| Zr + O ₂ | -6 to +6 | 100 to 10^4 | 250 | 10,000 | |

TABLE 1
(Continued)

| Material | TCR Span ($\times 10^4/\%C$) | Resistivity Span (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Resistivity at 0 TCR (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Resistivity at $-5 \times 10^4/\%C$ (ohm-cm $\times 10^6$) | Comments |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| Vanadium | +8 to 10 | 90 to 102 | > 100 | >> 100 | |
| V+O ₂ | +4 to 15 | 91 to 300 | > 300 | >> 300 | |
| V ₂ O ₅ | -90 to -47 | - to >10 ⁷ | — | — | |
| NbN | -6 to -3 | 2900 to 6600 | < 2900 | 5,600 | |
| Thulium | +8 to +14 | 133 to — | >> 133 | >> 133 | |
| Tm+O ₂ | +6 to +11 | 235 to — | >> 235 | >> 235 | |
| Gadolinium | +5 to +8 | 136 to 342 | > 342 | >> 342 | |
| Gd+O ₂ | +5 to +6 | 228 to 627 | > 627 | >> 627 | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ | -71 to -54 | 5×10^5 to 4×10^7 | — | — | |

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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Research during the month has been principally directed toward fabrication of Mn + SiO films and Cr + SiO films and aging studies of the films. Studies of the deposition of films of SiO₂ by the evaporation of SiO at partial pressures of oxygen were conducted. The electron beam apparatus was modified for satisfactory focusing and is ready for evaporation of refractory materials.

Aging studies of approximately 30 previously fabricated Mn + SiO resistors were continued. Included are unprotected resistors and resistors overcoated with approximately 6000 Å of SiO. The specimens have been aged at 125°C in air for about 700 hours to date. Specific resistivity versus change in resistance data compiled after 550 hours of aging are shown in Figure 1. In general, aging for protected resistors is far less than that of unprotected resistors: furthermore, the extent of aging increases rapidly for resistivity values above 1000 microhm-cm. Points derived from data for the protected resistors form a smooth curve; on the other hand, aging data is quite variable for the unprotected films. During the course of fabricating these films, the manganese, due to its more rapid evaporation rate over that of SiO, was depleted considerably in certain instances

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causing the exposed surface layers of the film structure to be SiO rich. This condition probably accounts for the relatively lower aging of the unprotected film specimens which gave data points lying near the curve of the protected films in Figure 1.

In Figures 2 through 4, resistance changes versus aging time of typical resistors overcoated with SiO are shown. Each measurement was made at room temperature; therefore, for each measurement the specimen suffered a mild temperature shock as a result of cooling upon removal from the oven and subsequent heating when returned to it. The high resistivity specimen (1.6×10^{-5} microhm-cm) of Figure 2 is aging quite rapidly even though it is protected with SiO. It has been noted that the porosity of the films increases with resistivity. This is evident from the change in appearance with an increase in resistivity. A progressive loss of reflectance and increased dullness in appearance are observed. The more porous films are very difficult to protect; a thicker ($> 6000 \text{ \AA}$) or more continuous overcoat of SiO or other material will be necessary to provide the required protection. The aging of less than 2% after 550 hours at 125°C for the protected specimens of Figures 3 and 4 is quite good. Similar data for typical unprotected films are shown in Figures 5 and 6. The relative drastic aging of the unprotected films is obvious. Except for the highest resistivities, the rate of aging decreases and approaches an asymptotic level before or at about 300 hours of aging at 125°C . The above data indicate that for a restricted temperature range to 125°C and with some means of protection precision resistors can be fabricated from Mn + SiO films of specific resistivities below 1×10^3 microhm-cm.

During the month 12 additional metal-oxide specimens were fabricated for stability studies. Included were 7 Mn + SiO resistors and 5 Cr + SiO resistors. Resistivity and TCR Values of the Mn + SiO films ranged from 300 to 2×10^6 microhm-cm and $1.5 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $-25.7 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, respectively; whereas, the respective ranges of similar values for the Cr + SiO films were 3.6×10^4 to 7.5×10^4 microhm-cm and $-7.97 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $-1.43 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. These films were fabricated in the manner of the earlier Mn + SiO and Cr + SiO films, i.e., the films were deposited on 400°C glass substrates from a single tantalum box source, R. D. Mathis type ME-1, at a chamber pressure of approximately 1×10^{-5} Torr.

In general, the starting procedure for either of the species consists of filling the source with a quantity ratio of the materials Cr + SiO or Mn + SiO, respectively, which experience has shown results in a film with the desired TCR. To vary the TCR and resistivity covering the complete ranges reported, the quantity ratio of the materials was varied or the source temperature was varied for minor adjustments. However, for source temperatures above about 1350°C increased disassociation rates of the SiO occur. Hence all evaporations have been made with the source temperature maintained as low as practicable. For the Mn + SiO series, source temperatures were maintained in the range 1050°C to 1250°C and the deposition times varied from about 3 minutes to 20 minutes. For the Cr + SiO series, source temperatures were maintained in the range 1450°C to 1550°C and the deposition times varied from about 1/2 to 3 minutes. Typical starting quantities of the constituents were 2 grams of 10 to 120 mesh SiO to about 100 milligrams of Mn pellets and 2 grams of Cr powder to about 220 milligrams of SiO in the form of a 1/4" diameter x 1/4" thick tablet. Under continuous evaporation the Mn was depleted before the SiO and its rate of evaporation decreases more rapidly than that of the SiO. A reverse of the respective rates of evaporation occurs for the Cr and SiO mixtures.

All seven of the Mn + SiO specimens and three of the Cr + SiO films, fabricated during the month, were baked in air at 200°C or 250°C for 6-1/2 hours before beginning aging studies at 125°C. The accumulated data are reported in Table 1.

Comparing the Mn + SiO films baked at 200°C and 250°C, it can be seen that the resistance of the specimens baked at 200°C increased by about 14%; whereas increases of about 50% to 70% were obtained for similar specimens baked at 250°C. The TCR values appeared to shift randomly by small amounts. The initial TCR value obtained for Mn + SiO-25-C is believed to be in error and must be checked further. The large increase in TCR values with post-annealing treatment as indicated in the table must be checked also.

Because of possible annealing effects and protection afforded by forming an oxidized outer film layer, it is expected that the post-deposition baking of these specimens in air at 200°C to 250°C will reduce considerably the extent of subsequent aging at 125°C compared to that obtained for the earlier specimens

with no post-deposition baking. Also, post-deposition baking offers the advantage of resistor adjustment to precision values where resistors are deposited to a predetermined low value and oxidized to a desired value.

All three of the Cr + SiO films baked at 250°C in air exhibited a small decrease in resistance ranging from -1.2% to -.04%. The TCR changes ranged from $-.07 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+.12 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. After the post-deposition baking, the specimens were placed on aging at 125°C with the two similar but non-baked films. The Cr + SiO films exceed the research objectives with respect to resistivity and TCR. Furthermore, the low aging exhibited here reveals that they can be expected to meet the aging requirements of precision resistors (less than 1% change in resistance for 1000 hours of aging at 125°C in air). To obtain practical resistor adjustment of Cr + SiO film by oxidation in air temperatures exceeding 300°C will probably be required.

The superior aging characteristics of the unprotected Cr + SiO films compared to similar Mn + SiO films is quite evident in Table 1. Aging of films post-deposition baked at 125°C will be included in the next report.

Evaporations of SiO in varied partial pressures of oxygen to form films consisting primarily of SiO₂ (clear films) were made. Starting with chamber pressures of about 5×10^{-6} Torr oxygen was admitted to maintain stable pressure of 5×10^{-5} , 1×10^{-4} , 5×10^{-4} Torr and $(9-10) \times 10^{-4}$ Torr. As the pressure was progressively increased, the normal brownish color of the deposited SiO films progressively disappeared and transparent films were obtained only for the $(9-10) \times 10^{-4}$ Torr range of O₂ pressure.

Manganese films deposited under the latter conditions were completely oxidized and of insulating quality. The manganese oxide films exhibited a yellowish to brownish tinge similar to SiO films; although not as resistant to scratching with a pointed steel instrument as SiO films, they were quite hard. The fact that manganese oxidized at this pressure range, terminated the pursuit of co-depositing SiO and Mn in a partial pressure of oxygen to form a species of Mn + SiO₂ specimens. The inertness of chromium to oxidation at this pressure range has not been evaluated.

Test evaporations of stainless steel and molybdenum were made with the electron gun. The beam diameter was too large for the available copper crucible.

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To narrow the beam a three-ring collimating and electrostatic focusing element was designed and constructed. The design permitted installation of the gun above the top support plate of the Edward's microcircuit jig at a distance of approximately 12 inches from the crucible. From initial evaporation attempts, the arrangement is an improvement upon the gun as delivered and will be satisfactory for this work; however, a high voltage power supply of higher current capacity than that on hand must be obtained before maximum focusing can be realized.

Masks were fabricated for film deposition on 2" x 2" glass substrates. These were designed to provide for the simultaneous deposition of 6 resistors, each measuring 1/8" by 1/4". This is expected to speed-up the fabrication process so that a number of additional materials can be evaluated.

Liquid nitrogen "feed-throughs" were designed and constructed for the installation of a Meissner cold trap inside the chamber of the VE-775 vacuum system. The construction and installation of the trap will be performed shortly.

Micrographs and electron diffraction patterns have been made on the Cu + SiO and Al + SiO films reported previously. Electron microprobe analysis of the film composition is near completion.

Research for the next period will be devoted to aging evaluation and stabilization techniques of Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO films. Co-deposition of tantalum and tungsten with SiO will be performed.

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FIGURE 1

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RESISTANCE CHANGE VERSUS RESISTIVITY
OF Pb+Sn FILMS AFTER AGING FOR
550 HOURS AT 125°C IN AIR

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY ($10^{-6} \Omega\text{-cm.}$)

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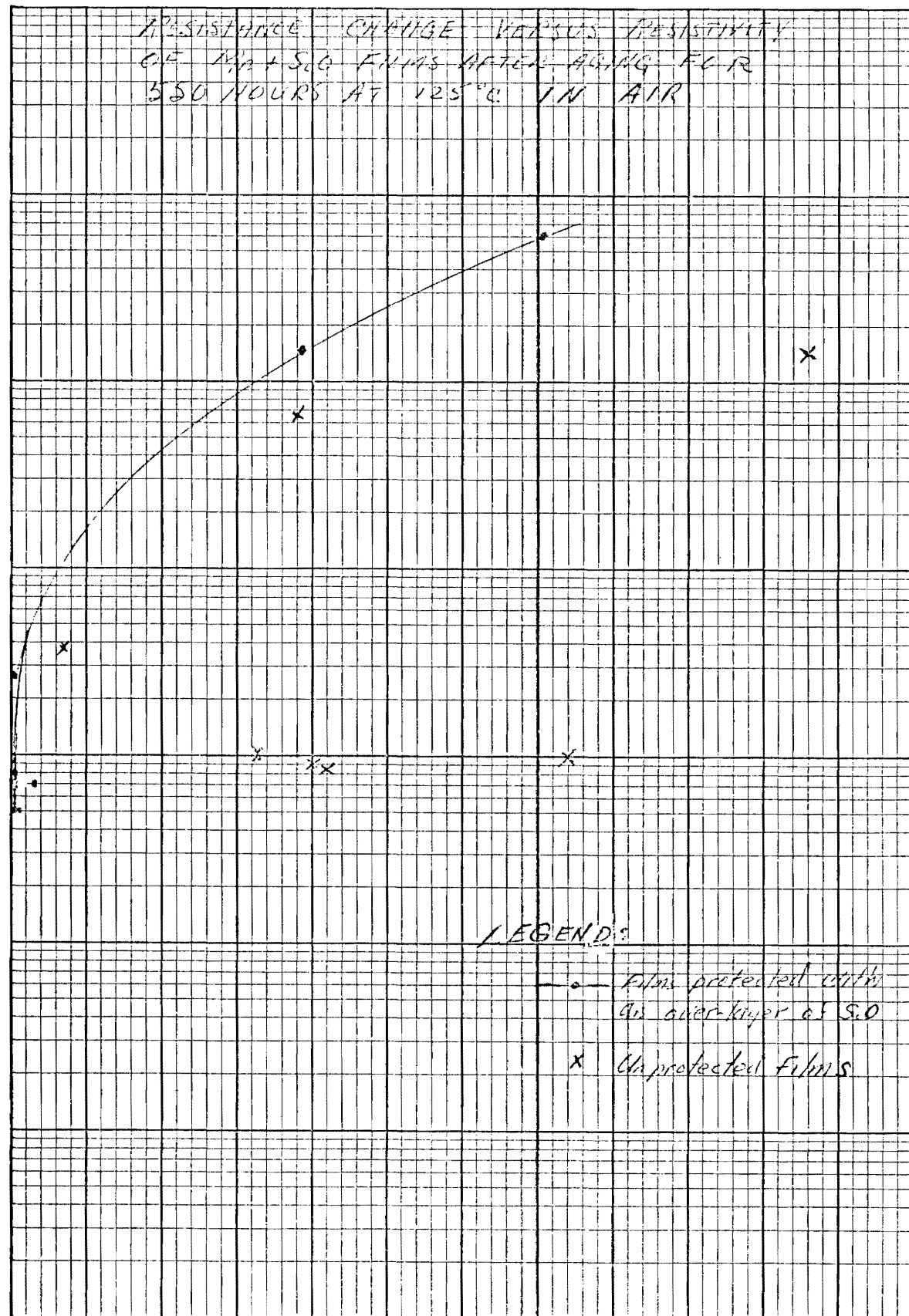
10000

1000

100

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LEGEND:

- Film protected with an over-layer of SnO
- x Unprotected films

PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF RESISTANCE

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

136
121
122
12
+18
+16
+14
+12
+10
+8
+6
+4
+2
0
-2
-4
-6

SPECIMEN: $M_n + 5.0 - 9 - C$
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/19/66
 RESISTIVITY: 1.6×10^5 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ S.O.
 DATE: 3/11/66
 AGING: (3-11-66 INIT. R. = $0.33138 \times 10^6 \Omega$)

| METHOD | DATE | ΔR (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 (2 1/2 hr @ 250-400°C) | -5.84 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 (2 10' to 125°C in air) | -6.88 |
| -12.5 x 10 ⁻⁴ #2 | 3/11/66 (2 10' to 125°C in air) | -5.95 |
| #3 | 3/13/66 (2 20' to 148°C in air) | -0.97 |
| Room Temp. | 2/19/66 (in desiccator) 3/13/66 | — |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | — |

STARTED 125°C AGING 8 AFTER 3RD TCR CYCLE

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 MEASUREMENT DATE

SPECIMEN: Mn+SiO-11-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/24/66
 RESISTIVITY: 2.7×10^3 microohm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ of SiO
 DATE: 3/11/66

AGING: (3-11-66 INITIAL $R = 2205.8 \Omega$)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (To) | |
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 | ($2 \frac{1}{2}$ hrs @ 250-400°C) | -18.4 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 | (210' @ 125°C in air) | -18.1 |
| (-0.04 $\times 10^{-4} \%$) #2 | 3/11/66 | (210' @ 125°C in air) | -18.3 |
| | 3/13/66 | (in 20' @ 125°C in air) | -18.6 |
| Room Temp. 125°C Air | 2-20-66 | (20' @ 125°C in desiccator) | 3/12/66 |
| | 3/13/66 | | |

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 RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)



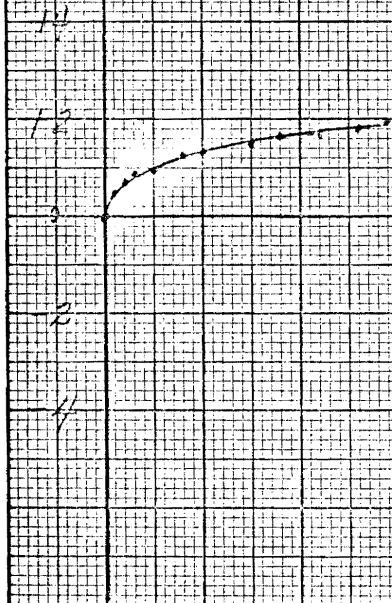
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DATE OF MEASUREMENT

SPECIMEN: Mn+5.0-17-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
 RESISTIVITY: 7×10^{-2} microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ of S.O
 DATE: 3/11/66
 AGING: (3/11/66 initial Res. = 2101.7 Ω)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---|---|------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (To) | |
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 ($\approx 1/2$ hr @ 250°-400°C) | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 ($\approx 10^4$ to 125°C in air) | | +5.53 |
| (+1.13 $\times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) #2 | 3/13/66 (≈ 10 to 147°C in air) | | +5.62 |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)



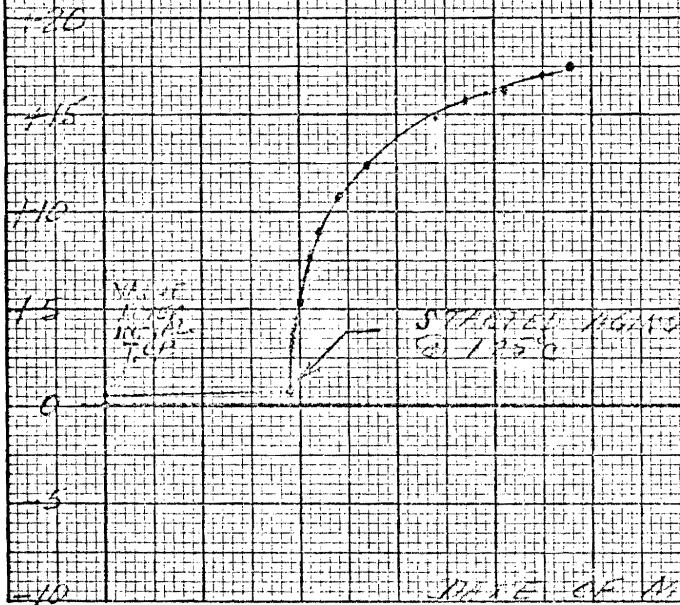
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 DATE OF MEASUREMENT

SPECIMEN: Mn+SiO-12-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
 RESISTIVITY: 1000 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: NONE

DATE:

AGING:

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 2/22/66 | | +0.69 |
| +0.728 $\times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ #2 | (NOTE: RM Temp. Aging after TCR) | | |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | 2/22/66 (in desiccator) | 3/13/66 | +0.02 |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | | |



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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+1.60

+1.55

+1.50

+1.45

+1.40

+1.35

+1.30

+1.25

+1.20

+1.15

+1.10

+1.05

+1.00

+0.95

+0.90

STARTED 1.5%
125°C 3/13/66CHANGE DURING
INITIAL TCR TEST

SPECIMEN: M_n-5.0-20-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
 RESISTIVITY: 1.5×10^5 microohm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: NONE

DATE:

AGING:

METHOD

DATE

AR

(from)

(to)

(%)

Vacuum Bake

TCR cycle #1

-12.2X10⁻⁴/°C #2

Room Temp

125 Air

2/23/66

(NOTE: R.T. Aging after T.C.R.)

2/23/66 (IN DESICCATOR) 3/13/66

3/13/66

+11

+11

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TABLE I

EFFECTS ON RESISTANCE AND TCR VALUES
OF Mn+SiO AND Cr+SiO RESISTORS BAKED IN AIR
AT 200 °C AND 250 °C

| SPECIMEN (Code No.) | ρ ($10^{-6}\Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | T.C.R. | | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | REMARKS |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 200 °C for 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours</u> | | | | | | Specimens placed on ex- tended aging at 125 °C after initial baking in air. |
| Mn+SiO-24-C | 3.4×10^3 | + 14 | - .223 | - .472 | - .249 | |
| Mn+SiO-25-C | $2 \times 10^6(?)$ | + 14 | - 25.7 (?) | + .268 | + 26 (?) | |
| Mn+SiO-26-C | 4×10^2 | + 15 | + 1.56 | + 1.36 | - .20 | |
| Mn+SiO-30-C | 1.5×10^3 | + 12 | + 0.469 | + 1.55 | + 1.08 | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 250 °C for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-28-C | 3×10^2 | + 47 | + 1.76 | + 1.45 | - .31 | |
| Mn+SiO-29-C | 1.4×10^3 | + 70 | + .67 | + 1.02 | + .35 | |
| Mn+SiO-31-C | 3.3×10^3 | + 66 | - .358 | - 0.186 | + .172 | |
| Cr+SiO-18-C | 3.1×10^4 | - .04 | - 4.13 | - 4.13 | - .01 | |
| Cr+SiO-20-C | 3.5×10^4 | - 1.2 | - 4.38 | - 4.38 | + .12 | |
| Cr+SiO-22-C | 1.4×10^4 | - .12 | - 1.49 | - 1.49 | - .07 | |

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration
George C. Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama 35812

Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 12
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 April 1966 to 1 May 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

During the month, 33 film resistors were fabricated. Included were four manganese, twenty-three Cr + SiO and 6 vanadium films. The Mn and Cr + SiO films were deposited similarly to earlier films of these species; whereas, the vanadium films were deposited by electron beam evaporation techniques. Aging studies of these and previously fabricated films were conducted. Studies of the deposition of chromium in oxygen in the pressure range of 7 to 10×10^{-4} .

Aging studies of 24 previously fabricated Mn + SiO resistors were continued. Included are unprotected resistors, resistors overcoated with SiO, and resistors baked after deposition in air at 200°C and 250°C for $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours. These have been aging in a convection oven at 125°C for more than 700 hours.

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Specific resistivity versus change in resistance characteristics after 550 hours of aging are shown in Figure 1. Data for the baked films have been added to that reported last month for the unprotected films and films protected with an overlayer of SiO. The post-baked films ranged in resistivity from 400 to 3,400 microhm-cm; after 550 hours of aging, they have increased in value by 2.4 ± 2 percent. For a similar range of resistivity values but after 1000 hours of aging, unprotected films and films overcoated with SiO have increased in value an average of 23.3 and 0.7 percent, respectively. Both the unprotected and SiO protected films with resistivities exceeding 1×10^5 microhm-cm have increased in value by more than 20 percent after 1000 hours of aging. Figures 2 thru 8 are typical aging graphs of the variously treated films.

Two Manganese films were placed on aging. The resistance per square of one film was 6 ohms. Surprisingly it increased 100 percent in value after 550 hours at 125°C . The other film had a resistivity of 28 ohms per square and aged 1 percent after 160 hours at 125°C ; unfortunately, the latter specimen was broken during testing.

Twenty-seven Cr + SiO resistors are on aging at 125°C . Resistivities of these films range from 100 to 2.3×10^6 microhm-cm. T. C. R. values range from $-28 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ for the higher resistivity to $+2.8 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ for the lower resistivity. Unprotected films, films protected with an overlayer of SiO, and films baked in air at temperatures of 250°C , 275°C , and 325°C are represented within this range of values. Aging of the specimens are summarized in Table II. The baked films are superior to either the unprotected films or those protected with an overlayer of SiO. After 500 hours of aging at 125°C , films post-baked in air exhibit resistance changes of less than 0.3 percent for resistivities up to 2×10^6 microhm-cm. Similar changes of 14 and 6 percent were obtained, respectively, for the unprotected and SiO overcoated films.

Table I of the last monthly report was extended to include data on resistance and T. C. R. changes occurring during post-deposition baking of the Cr + SiO and Vanadium films fabricated during the month. It can be noted that

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a number of the Cr + SiO films increased considerably in value during the post-bake while others changed very little. Further study of the fabrication details may explain this behavior. The specimens have all aged quite similarly on subsequent aging at 125°C with the higher resistivity specimens aging slightly more than the lower resistivity specimens, as indicated in Table II. Figures 9 thru 14 are typical aging graphs of the Cr + SiO films. Specimens Cr + SiO-23-C, 25-C, and 28-C were deposited simultaneously on the same substrate and Cr + SiO-36-C, 37-C, and 38-C were deposited similarly in a group of six resistors.

The Vanadium films were fabricated by evaporating Vanadium with an electron gun in high vacuum from a copper crucible onto 400°C substrates. Two of the films were retained for resistivity measurements and four were placed on aging at 125°C. Two of the films placed on extended aging at 125°C oxidized drastically during a post-deposition bake at 325°C, as indicated in Table 1. The 125°C aging data will be included in the next report.

Chromium evaporations were made in partial pressures of oxygen of 7×10^{-4} to 10×10^{-4} Torr. The deposited films were chromium oxide of insulating quality. This terminated the pursuit of co-depositing SiO and Cr in partial pressures of oxygen to form a species of conducting Cr + SiO₂ films.

Research for the next period will be devoted to aging evaluations of Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO films now under study. Co-deposition of refractory metals with SiO will be pursued.

Respectfully submitted,

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Project Director

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Enclosures

FIGURE 1

MODEL

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RESISTANCE CHANGE VERSUS RESISTIVITY
OF $Mn + SiO$ FILMS AFTER AGING FOR
550 HOURS AT $125^{\circ}C$ IN AIR

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY ($10^{-6} \Omega\text{-cm.}$)

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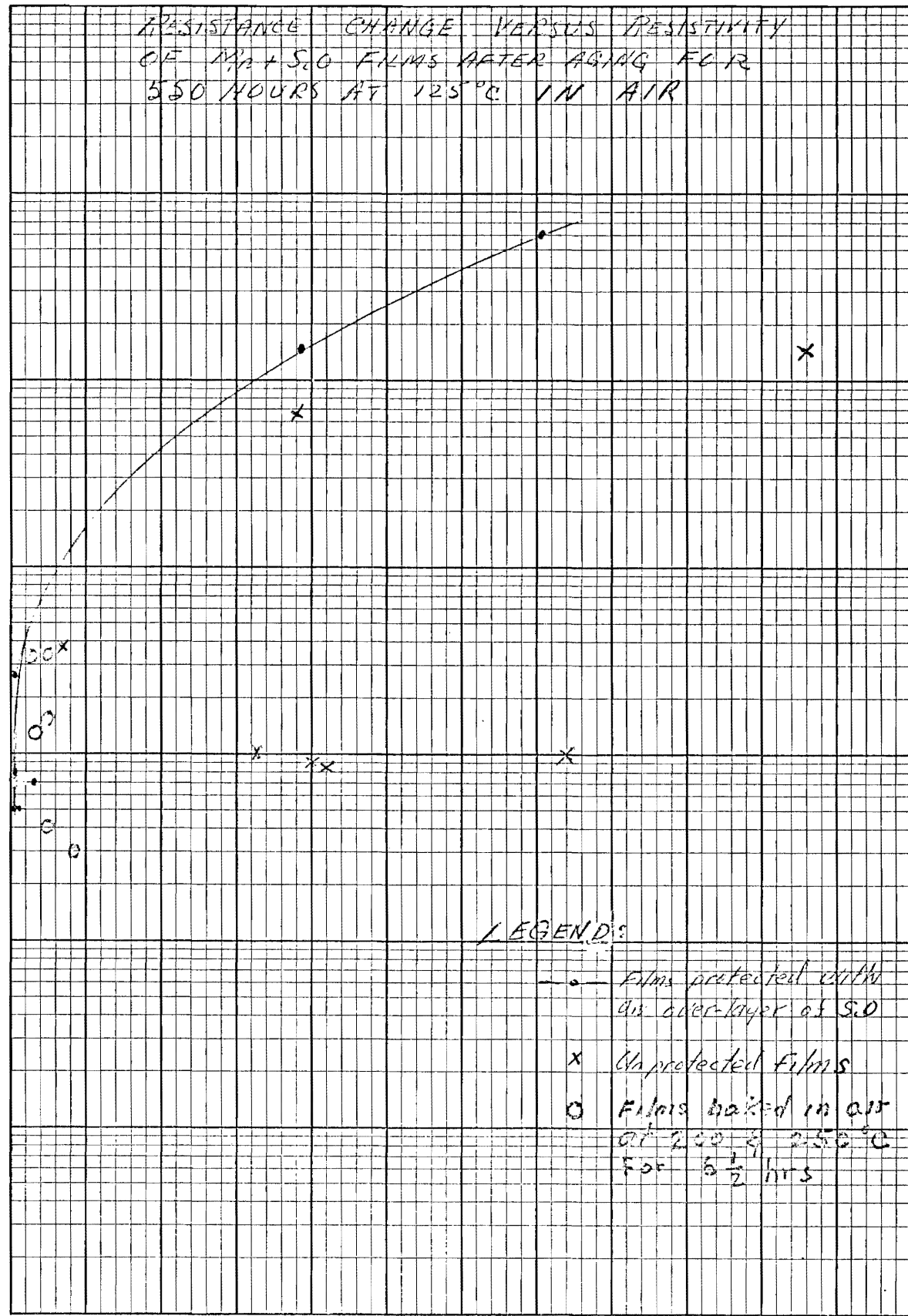
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LEGEND:

- Films protected with
a SiO_2 over-layer
- x Unprotected films
- o Films baked in air
at 200 & $250^{\circ}C$
for $6\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF RESISTANCE

FILE 2

SPECIMEN: Mat S.O-11-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/20/66
 RESISTIVITY: 2.7×10^3 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ of S.O
 DATE: 3/11/66

AGING: (3-11-66 INITIAL R= 2205.8- Ω)

| METHOD | DATE | AR (%) |
|--|--|--------|
| | (from) (To) | (%) |
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 ($\approx 1/2$ hr @ 250-400°C) | -18.4 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 ($\approx 10'$ to 125°C in air) | -18.1 |
| ($-0.04 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) #2 | 3/11/66 ($\approx 10'$ to 125°C in air) | -18.3 |
| #3 | 3/13/66 ($\approx 20'$ to 148°C in air) | -18.6 |
| Room Temp. | 2-20-66 (held in desiccator) 3/2/66 | |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

NOTE: 7 1/2 X 10 INCHES
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FIGURE 3

SPECIMEN: Mn+SiO-19-C
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
RESISTIVITY: 8×10^{-2} microhm-cm
PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ of SiO
DATE: 3/11/66
AGING: (3/11/66 INITIAL RES. 1769.1 Ω)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|--|--|------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 ($\approx 1/2$ hr @ 250-400°C) | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 ($\approx 10'$ to 125°C in air) | | |
| ($+0.92 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) #2 | 3/13/66 ($\approx 20'$ to 145°C in air) | | |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | | |

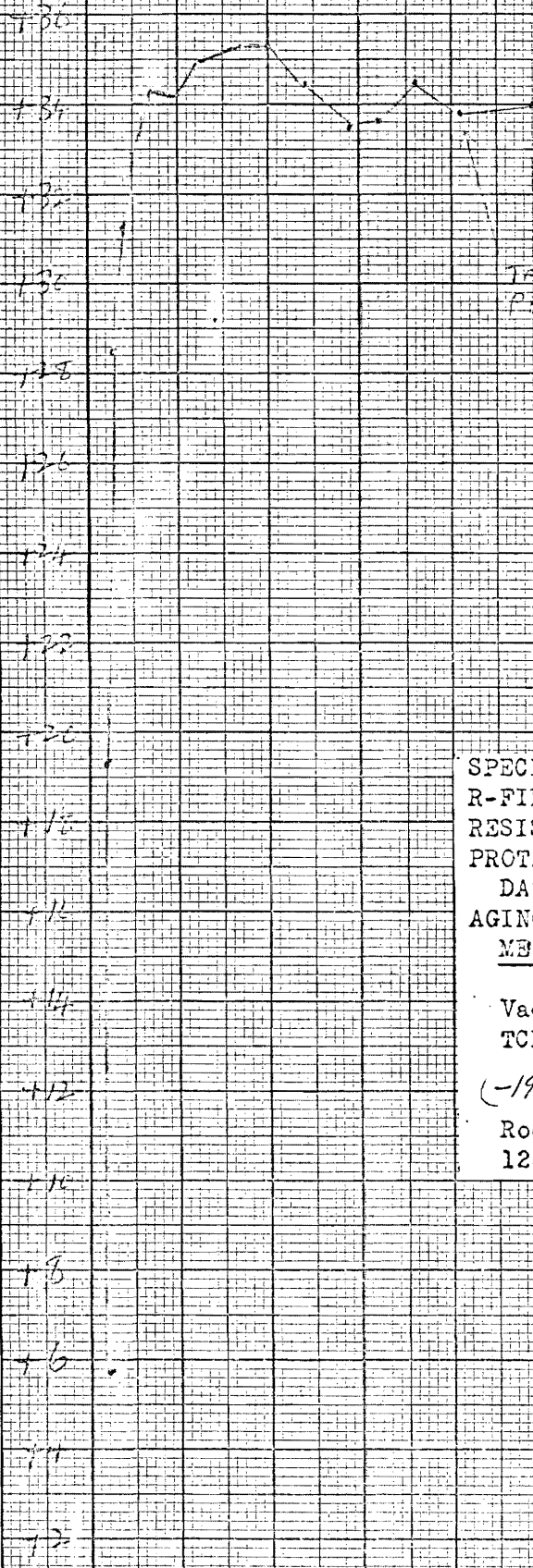
RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

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FIGURE 11

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)



SPECIMEN: Mn+5,0-21-C
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
RESISTIVITY: 6×10^5 microohm-cm
PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ S.O.
DATE: 3/11/66
AGING: (3/11/66 initial Res. = $437,000 \Omega$)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | 3/11/66 (2 1/2 hr @ 251-400°C) | | +5.77 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 3/11/66 (2 1/2 hr to 125°C in air) | | - |
| (-19.5X10 ⁻⁴ /°C) #2 | 3/13/66 (2 1/2 hr to 125°C in air) | | +19.32 |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | | |

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FIGURE 5

SPECIMEN: Mn+SiO-12-C

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66

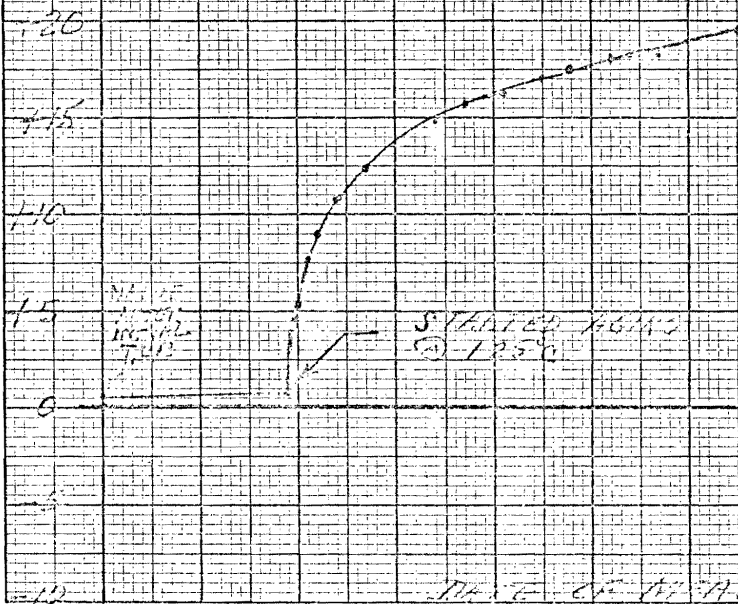
RESISTIVITY: 1000 microhm-cm

PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: NONE

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AGING:

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 2/22/66 | | +0.67 |
| +0.728 $\times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ #2 | (NOTE: RM Temp. Aging after TCR) | | |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | 2/22/66 (in desiccator) | 3/13/66 | +0.02 |
| 125°C Air | 3/13/66 | | |



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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+66
+55
+45
+35
+25
+20
+15
+10
+5
0
-5
-10

CHANGE DURING
INITIAL TCR TEST

STARTED AGING
125°C 3/13/66

SPECIMEN: Mn-5.0-20-C
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 2/21/66
RESISTIVITY: 1.5×10^5 microhm-cm
PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: NONE
DATE: 2/23/66
AGING: (2/23/66 INITIAL RESISTANCE 66.91K

| METHOD | DATE | | Δ R (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 2/23/66 | | +11 |
| -12.2X10 ⁻⁴ /°C #2 | (NOTE: R.T. Aging after T.C.R.) | | |
| Room Temp | 2/23/66 (IN DESICCATOR) | 2/23/66 | +11 |
| 125 Air | 3/13/66 | | |

FIGURE 6

TEMPERATURE
TIME

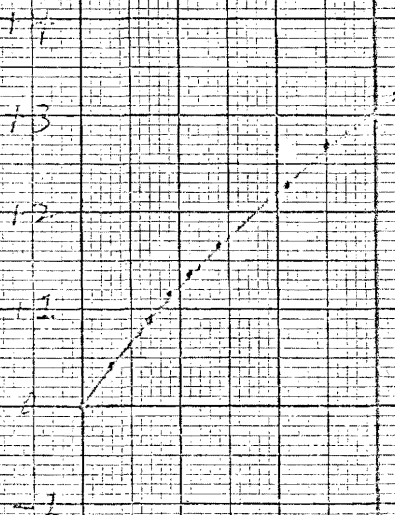
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FIGURE 7

SPECIMEN: $Mn + SiO_2 - C$
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 4/10/66
 RESISTIVITY: 1.5×10^3 microhm-cm IN AIR
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM Oxidized @ 200°C 6 3/4 hrs, A
 DATE: 4/11/66
 AGING: (4/11/66 INITIAL RESISTANCE 647.8 Ω)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| AIR | (from) | (to) | (%) |
| Vacuum Bake | 4/11/66 @ 200°C | 6 3/4 hrs | +11.56 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 4/11/66 ($\approx 30^\circ C$) | 125°C IN AIR | 2.09 |
| ($0.469 \times 10^{-3} \%$) #2 | | | |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | 4/11/66 | IN DESICCATOR | |
| 125°C Air | | | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)



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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

SPECIMEN: $M_n + SiO_2 - 31 - C$
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 4/10/66
 RESISTIVITY: 3.3×10^3 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM Oxidized in 250°C 6 hrs IN AIR
 DATE: 4/11/66
 AGING: (4/11/66 INITIAL RESISTANCE 709.12)
 METHOD DATE A R (%)
 AIR (from) (To)
 Vacuum Bake 4/11/66 @ 250°C 6 1/2 hrs +66.4
 TCR cycle #1 4/11/66 (30' t, 125°C IN AIR) +2.31
 #2
 #3
 Room Temp.
 125°C Air 4/11/66

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SPECIMEN: C_r+S:O-23-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 4/15/66
 RESISTIVITY: 2.2×10^6 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: 275°C AIR BAKE
 DATE: (4/18/66 INITIAL RESISTANCE 34,500 Ω)
 AGING:

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (To) | |
| AIR Bake | 4/18/66 275°C 16 hrs | 4/19/66 | -0.44 |
| TCR cycle #1 ($-27.6 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) | 4/18/66 to 125°C in air 20' | | -0.38 |
| #2 | 4/19/66 (after bake) | | 0.00 |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 4/19/66 | | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

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SPECIMEN: C4 + S.O-28-C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 4/15/66
 RESISTIVITY: 2.3×10^6 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: $\approx 6000 \text{ \AA}$ SiO
 DATE: (4/18/66 INITIAL RESISTANCE 515, 100 Ω)
 AGING:

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|--|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| Vacuum Bake | 4/19/66 (2 h @ 250-400°C) | | -8. |
| TCR cycle #1 | 4/18/66 to 125°C in air $\approx 20'$ | | +1.57 |
| ($-27.8 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) #2 | 4/19/66 to 125°C in air (off circuit) | | +1.15 |
| #3 | | | |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 4/19/66 | | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

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SPECIMEN: C₁+5.0-36C
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 5/4/66
RESISTIVITY: 4.3×10^4 microhm-cm
PROTECTIVE OVERCOAT: NONE

DATE:
AGING: (Initial Res. = 3,941 Ω)

| METHOD | DATE | | ΔR (%) |
|---|-------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| | (from) | (To) | |
| Vacuum Bake | | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | 5/5/66 (220' to 125°C in Air) | | +8.2 |
| (Init. TCR #2 = $-5.34 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) #3 | 5/6/66 (220' to 125°C in Air) | | +0.1 |
| Room Temp. | | | |
| 125°C Air | 5/6/66 | | |

Started 125°C aging
After 2nd TCR cycle

After 1st TCR cycle

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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

SPECIMEN: Cr + 5.0 - 37 C
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 5/4/66
 RESISTIVITY: 1.6×10^4 microhm-cm
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: 325°C AIR BAKE
 DATE: 5/6/66
 AGING: (Initial Resistance = 2,588.0 ohms)

| METHOD | DATE | | Δ R (%) |
|--|--------|------------------------|---------|
| | (from) | (to) | |
| AIR Bake | 5/6/66 | at 325°C 7 hrs | +17.7 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 5/5/66 | (~ 20' to 125° in Air) | +7.2 |
| (INIT. TCR = $1.73 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) #2 | 5/6/66 | (After baking) | -0.05 |
| Room Temp | | | |
| 125 Air | 5/6/66 | | |

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RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

SPECIMEN: C₁ + 5:0-38 C
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 5/4/66
RESISTIVITY: 1.6×10^4 microhm-cm
PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: 250°C AIR BAKE
DATE: 5/5/66
AGING: (Initial Resistance = 2,755.5 ohms)

| METHOD | DATE | ΔR |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| | (from) (to) | (%) |
| AIR Bake | 5/5/66 at 250°C 10½ hrs | +12.2 |
| TCR cycle #1 | 5/5/66 (Before AIR Bake) | +7.6 |
| (INIT. TCR -4°C) #2 | 5/6/66 (After AIR BAKE) | -0.05 |
| #3 | | |
| Room Temp. | | |
| 125°C Air | 5/6/66 | |

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EFFECTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING IN AIR ON RESISTANCE AND TCR VALUES

| SPECIMEN (Code No.) | ρ ($10^{-6}\Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | T.C.R. | | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | REMARKS |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 200 °C for 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-24-C | 3.4×10^3 | + 14 | - .223 | - .472 | - .249 | Specimens placed on ex- tended aging at 125 °C in air after post-deposition bake in air. |
| Mn+SiO-25-C | $2 \times 10^6(?)$ | + 14 | - 25.7 (?) | + .268 | + 26 (?) | |
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| Mn+SiO-30-C | 1.5×10^3 | + 12 | + 0.469 | + 1.55 | + 1.08 | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 250 °C for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours</u> | | | | | | |
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| Mn+SiO-31-C | 3.3×10^3 | + 66 | - .358 | - 0.186 | + .172 | |
| Cr+SiO-18-C | 3.1×10^4 | - .04 | - 4.12 | - 4.13 | - .01 | |
| Cr+SiO-20-C | 3.5×10^4 | - 1.2 | - 4.6 | - 4.38 | + .12 | |
| Cr+SiO-22-C | 1.4×10^4 | - .12 | - 1.42 | - 1.49 | - .07 | |

TABLE I (Continued)
EFFECTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING ON RESISTANCE & TCR VALUES

| SPECIMEN (Code No.) | ρ ($10^{-6} \Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | T.C.R. | | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | REMARKS |
|--|--|-----------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| Specimens baked at 250°C for $10\frac{1}{2}$ hrs | | | | | | |
| Cr+SiO-35-C | 3.1×10^4 | + 22 | - 4.08 | - 3.75 | + 0.33 | All specimens bake in air |
| Cr+SiO-38-C | 1.6×10^4 | + 20 | - 1.86 | - 1.15 | + 0.71 | |
| Cr+SiO-41-C | $\approx 1 \times 10^3$ | + 0.3 | + 2.04 | + 2.12 | + 0.08 | |
| Cr+SiO-44-C | $\approx 1 \times 10^2$ | + 0.0 | + 2.81 | + 2.59 | - 0.32 | |
| Specimens baked at 275°C for 16 hrs | | | | | | |
| Cr+SiO-23-C | 2.2×10^6 | - 0.8 | - 27.6 | - 27.8 | - 0.2 | |
| Cr+SiO-27-C | 2.3×10^6 | - 0.7 | - 27.8 | - 28.2 | - 0.4 | |
| Cr+SiO-30-C | 1.8×10^6 | + 7.5 | - 26.4 | - 25.7 | + 0.7 | |
| Cr+SiO-33-C | 1.6×10^6 | + 13 | - 25.3 | - 38.8 | - 13.5 | |
| Specimens baked at 325°C for 7 hrs | | | | | | |
| Cr+SiO-37-C | 1.6×10^4 | + 25. | - 1.73 | - 0.92 | + 0.81 | |
| Cr+SiO-40-C | 3.3×10^4 | + 41 | - 4.36 | - 3.55 | + 0.81 | |
| Cr+SiO-43-C | $\approx 1 \times 10^2$ | 0.0 | + 2.83 | + 2.83 | 0.00 | |
| Cr+SiO-46-C | $\approx 0.9 \times 10^2$ | + 0.04 | + 2.16 | + 2.35 | + 0.19 | |
| Specimens baked at 325°C for 10 hrs | | | | | | |
| V-1 | $R/a = 42.3 \Omega$ | 9720. | + 2.23 | - 93. | - 95. | |
| V-4 | $R/a = 42 \Omega$ | 698. | + 2.36 | - 43.2 | - 46. | |

TABLE II
AGING OF Cr+SiO₂ RESISTORS STORED AT 125°C

| SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY RANGE (microhm-Cm) | RESISTANCE CHANGE AFTER 168 HOURS | | | | RESISTANCE CHANGE AFTER 500 HOURS | | | | REMARKS |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|-------------------------|
| | Tot. No. of Specimens Aging | % ΔR | | | Tot. No. of Specimens Aging | % ΔR | | | |
| | | Lo | AVG | Hi | | Lo | AVG | Hi | |
| | UNPROTECTED FILMS | | | | | | | | |
| $1 \times 10^3 \pm .5 \times 10^3$ | 2 | 0.07 | 0.2 | 0.34 | — | — | — | — | |
| $5 \times 10^4 \pm 2.5 \times 10^4$ | 4 { 2 rel. Low aging, 2 High } | 0.75 | 10 | 23 | 2 rel. Low Aging | 0.98 | 1103 | 1108 | |
| $1.6 \times 10^6 \pm 0.2 \times 10^6$ | 3 | 1.1 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 1.3 | 8.3 | 14 | |
| | FILMS PROTECTED WITH SiO | | | | | | | | |
| $(1.5 \text{ to } 2.3) 10^6$ | 4 | 4.5 | 4.97 | 5.8 | 4 | 4.6 | 5.22 | 6.2 | |
| | FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 250 °C & 275 °C | | | | | | | | |
| 1×10^2 | 1 | | 0.00 | | | | | | → Baked at 250 °C |
| 1×10^3 | 1 | | 0.00 | | | | | | → Baked at 250 °C |
| $(1.6 - 3.5) 10^4$ | 5 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.15 | → Baked at 250 °C |
| $(1.6 - 2.3) 10^6$ | 4 | -0.2 | -0.03 | 0.06 | 4 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.33 | → (all baked at 275 °C) |
| | FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 325 °C | | | | | | | | |
| 1×10^2 | 1 | | -0.1 | | | | | | |
| 1×10^3 | 1 | | +0.08 | | | | | | |
| $(1.6 - 3.3) 10^4$ | 2 | -0.06 | -0.02 | +0.02 | | | | | |

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 13
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 April 1966 to 1 May 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Activities of the month were devoted primarily to aging studies of previously fabricated resistors. Forty specimens on extended aging at 125°C in air were removed from the aging oven. Measurements of TCR values were made to determine changes in the TCR that occurred during the aging period. Similar studies of sixteen additional specimens is being continued for a minimum period of 1000 hours. Attempts were made to evaporate the metals tungsten and tantalum with the electron gun; however, these efforts were unsuccessful due to difficulties in obtaining a supply of filaments that will withstand the high power levels required to achieve a significant rate of evaporating. An experimental design for the co-deposition of Cr and SiO₂, or similar materials, from two independently controlled sources was completed. In connection with this, studies of the evaporation of Cr and SiO₂ from graphite cloth sources were conducted. A paper related to previous work on this program entitled "A Boron

Nitride Evaporation Source for Aluminum" was submitted to the Review of Scientific Instruments by J. Conrad Meaders and M. D. Carithers for approval and possible publication.

Resistors removed from aging at 125°C included 16 of the series Mn + SiO - 8-C through 23-C with an accumulated aging time of 1500 hours. Others removed with an accumulated aging of 1000 hours were 7 resistors of the series Mn + SiO 24-C through 31-C, one manganese specimen Mn-2, and 16 chromium-silicon monoxide resistors of the series Cr + SiO 18-C through 34-C. Resistance and TCR values were measured at the termination of aging for comparison with the values measured during and at the beginning of the aging period. The Measurement data are tabulated in Table I. Generally, resistors increased in resistance during the aging. The aging characteristics with respect to resistivity reported earlier for the variously treated Mn + SiO resistors for the initial 500 hours of aging was maintained quite early during the period exceeding 500 hours. The TCR values increased slightly for a majority of the resistors of each species; however, a significant number exhibited no change or a slight negative shift in TCR for each species of specimens. The aging data for Mn + SiO resistors overcoated with SiO for protection must be normalized to exclude changes that occurred during deposition of the overcoat. When this is completed, a detailed comparison of the results after 1000 hours of aging will be submitted for both the Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO species.

Table II of the previous monthly report was extended to include recent aging of Cr + SiO films. Resistance changes of films removed after 1000 hours of aging are included, and the general trends observed during the initial 500 hours of aging are apparent. The films baked in air at temperatures of 250°C, 275°C, and 325°C are superior to the unprotected films and those overcoated with SiO. At this point, similar films post-baked at the three temperatures appear to be aging equally well. Figure 1 shows the change in resistance of the post-baked Cr + SiO films with respect to specific resistivity for the resistivity range of 100 to 2.5×10^6 microhm-cm. The resistors are highly stable as indicated by a change of less than 1 percent in value, even after

1000 hours for a few of the specimens. Figure 2 illustrates the aging of unprotected Cr + SiO films for a similar range of resistivities and aging time. The aging of the latter films is relatively variable from specimen to specimen with a maximum change in resistance of about 25 percent. The lower curve represents the worst aging expected for unprotected films; whereas, the upper curve is considered more representative of typical characteristic aging of unprotected Cr + SiO films. All of the Cr + SiO film resistors overcoated with SiO were in the resistivity range $(1.5 \text{ to } 2.3)10^6$ microhm-cm. These have completed the 1000 hours of aging at 125°C . The average change in resistance was 5.6 percent which compares to a change in resistance of 0.45 percent for similar films baked at 275°C before aging. The aging superiority of the Cr + SiO over the Mn + SiO films is readily apparent by comparing Figure 1 of this report with Figure 1 of monthly report Number 11. Cr + SiO films of the series 35-C through 46-C will be removed from aging upon completion of 1000 hours of aging during the next report period.

Aging studies of four vanadium film resistors previously deposited by electron beam evaporation techniques were conducted. These have aged rather poorly, as can be seen in Figures 3 through 6. After 500 hours of aging V-4 has shown the least aging of 2 percent. This specimen was post-baked in air at 325°C with specimen V-1. From the printed resistance change data on the graphs and the subsequent aging at 125°C of V-1, it appears that excessive oxidation of the vanadium films occurred during the post baking at 325°C . Films V-2 and V-5 were unprotected and are aging excessively. The resistivity of approximately 225 microhm-cm was estimated from the measurements of two films deposited simultaneously with the four films on aging.

It is worthwhile to note that a straightforward evaporation of vanadium onto room temperature substrates with the electron gun results in a non-uniform film deposite. The non-uniformity has been noted in other work here for permalloy evaporated with the electron gun on substrates at temperatures up to 250°C . The non-uniformity results from electron and/or ionic charges arriving at the substrate and possibly the charge build-up that occurs on the substrate surface. The above vanadium film resistors were deposited on 400°C glass substrates, and the deposits appeared uniform in thickness. At 400°C , the substrates are conducting and apparently prevent the surface from becoming charged during the deposition. Thus, it

is believed that the surface charge build up that can occur effects primarily the non-uniformity observed on the cooler and non conducting substrates. It was determined during work with the permalloy on another project that a collector ring installed in front of the substrate and biased at plus 300 to 600 vdc with respect to the substrate holder and baseplate eliminated the non-uniformity in film deposits on cool substrates; on the other hand, the non-uniformity persisted with the ring biased negatively; hence, it appears that the ring prevented the arrival of electrons at the substrate surface which interfered with obtaining uniform deposits. Even though, uniform vanadium deposits were obtained on the hot substrates, bombardment by charges of the film build-up obviously continued in the absence of the collector ring. Hence, it is quite possible that film purity or characteristics are affected by the bombardment, and a study to determine the possible effects on film characteristics is worthwhile.

Separate evaporations in high vacuum of chromium and SiO from and through densely woven graphite cloth were made. The respective materials were wrapped within the cloth in such a manner that they were completely enclosed. The cloth was electrically terminated and was heated to evaporation temperatures of the respective materials by I^2R losses with the passage of current. Due to a high rate of reaction, the cloth is unsatisfactory as a source material for the evaporation of chromium. On the other hand, it proved to be quite satisfactory for the evaporation of SiO. No reaction between the SiO and graphite was detected from a visual inspection of unevaporated SiO and the graphite, however, it is expected that free silicon atoms resulting from any disassociation of the evaporant at the source will react with the graphite cloth and remain on the source as the less volatile compound silicon carbide.

The SiO films deposited in this manner exhibited the usual brownish color and were of insulating quality. Wrapping the SiO within a sufficient number of layers of the cloth will prevent the spitting usually associated with the evaporation of SiO. The graphite cloth has a resistivity of about $1/2$ ohms per square and requires a relatively low current compared to commonly used metal filament sources for a given source temperature. For this and other reasons, it is believed that the material will prove to be superior to the commonly used tantalum chimney and box sources for the evaporation of SiO.

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The experimental design for the co-evaporation of Cr and SiO from independently controlled sources is shown in Figure 7. Chromium evaporations will be made upward from the two tungsten boats, one on each side of the graphite cloth source, and the SiO will be evaporated from within two layers of graphite cloth geometrically broad and centered between but slightly below the boats with respect to the substrate. Hopefully, uniform thickness deposits and reliable control of film resistivity can be realized with this arrangement of sources.

During the next period the following efforts will be emphasized:

1. Complete compilation of resistivity and TCR data of all specimens currently on aging tests.
2. Conduct a structural analysis of selected resistors that have completed 1000 hours of aging and relate this area to the aging of the electrical properties of individual resistors.
3. Pursue the co-deposition of refractory metals with SiO by electron beam techniques.
4. Construct the source arrangement of Figure 7 and evaluate for practical application to the fabrication of Cr + SiO film resistors.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESISTANCE AND TCR CHANGES OF FILM RESISTORS AGED FOR 1000 HOURS AT 125 °C IN AIR

| SPECIMEN | R ($10^{-6} \Omega \text{cm}$) | ΔR (%) | INITIAL TCR ($10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) | FINAL TCR ($10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) | REMARKS |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <u>UNPROTECTED FILMS</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-8-C | 6.7×10^4 | +17.8 | -8.8 | -10.18 | -1.38 | Data must be rechecked for calculation accuracy |
| Mn+SiO-10-C | 3.8×10^3 | +4.8 | -0.466 | -0.44 | +0.026 | |
| Mn+SiO-12-C | 1×10^3 | +20.5 | +1.728 | +1.95 | +0.222 | |
| Mn+SiO-14-C | 8.5×10^2 | +26.1 | +1.81 | +1.186 | +0.376 | |
| Mn+SiO-16-C | 1×10^3 | +48.8 | +1.703 | +1.06 | +0.357 | |
| Mn+SiO-18-C | 9.5×10^2 | +28.71 | +1.79 | +0.889 | +0.099 | |
| Mn+SiO-20-C | 1.5×10^5 | +37.1 | -12.2 | -14.38 | 2.18 | |
| Mn+SiO-22-C | 5×10^6 | +9.7 | -30.8 | -29.28 | +1.52 | |
| Cr+SiO-14-C | 3.6×10^4 | +1.4 | -4.71 | -5.02 | -0.31 | |
| Cr+SiO-21-C | 7.5×10^4 | +1.1 | -7.97 | -8.22 | -0.25 | |
| Cr+SiO-25-C | 1.8×10^6 | +1.4 | -26.3 | -25.9 | +0.40 | |
| Cr+SiO-31-C | 1.6×10^6 | +15.5 | -25.3 | -24.49 | +0.81 | |
| Cr+SiO-34-G | 1.4×10^6 | +4.6 | -24.5 | -24.64 | -0.14 | |
| <u>FILMS POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 200 °C</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-24-C | 3.4×10^3 | +5.52 | -1.472 | -0.421 | +1.051 | |
| Mn+SiO-25-C | 2.5×10^3 | +3.3 | +0.268 | +1.443 | +1.175 | |
| Mn+SiO-26-C | 4×10^2 | +4.7 | +1.36 | +1.49 | +0.13 | |
| Mn+SiO-30-C | 1.5×10^3 | +4 | +1.55 | +1.57 | +0.02 | |
| <u>FILMS POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 250 °C</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-28-C | 3×10^2 | +8.25 | +1.45 | +1.47 | +0.02 | |
| Mn+SiO-29-C | 1.4×10^3 | +2.36 | +1.02 | +0.95 | -0.07 | |
| Mn+SiO-31-C | 3.3×10^3 | +2.10 | -0.186 | -0.259 | -0.073 | |
| Cr+SiO-18-C | 3.1×10^4 | +0.3 | -4.13 | -4.37 | -0.24 | |
| Cr+SiO-20-C | 3.5×10^4 | +0.12 | -4.38 | -4.73 | -0.35 | |
| Cr+SiO-22-C | 1.4×10^4 | +0.02 | -1.49 | -1.45 | +0.04 | |
| <u>FILMS POST-BAKE IN AIR AT 275 °C</u> | | | | | | |
| Cr+SiO-23-C | 2.2×10^6 | +0.9 | -27.8 | -27.24 | +0.56 | |
| Cr+SiO-27-C | 2.3×10^6 | +0.7 | -28.2 | -27.26 | +0.94 | |
| Cr+SiO-30-C | 1.8×10^6 | -0.2 | -25.7 | -25.28 | +0.42 | |
| Cr+SiO-33-C | 1.6×10^6 | +0.4 | -38.87 | -25.1 | +13.8 | |
| <u>FILMS OVERCOATED WITH SiO</u> | | | | | | |
| Graphs require normalization to eliminate changes that occurred during deposition of the SiO overcoat. | | | | | | |

TABLE II
AGING OF Cr+SiO RESISTORS STORED AT 125°C

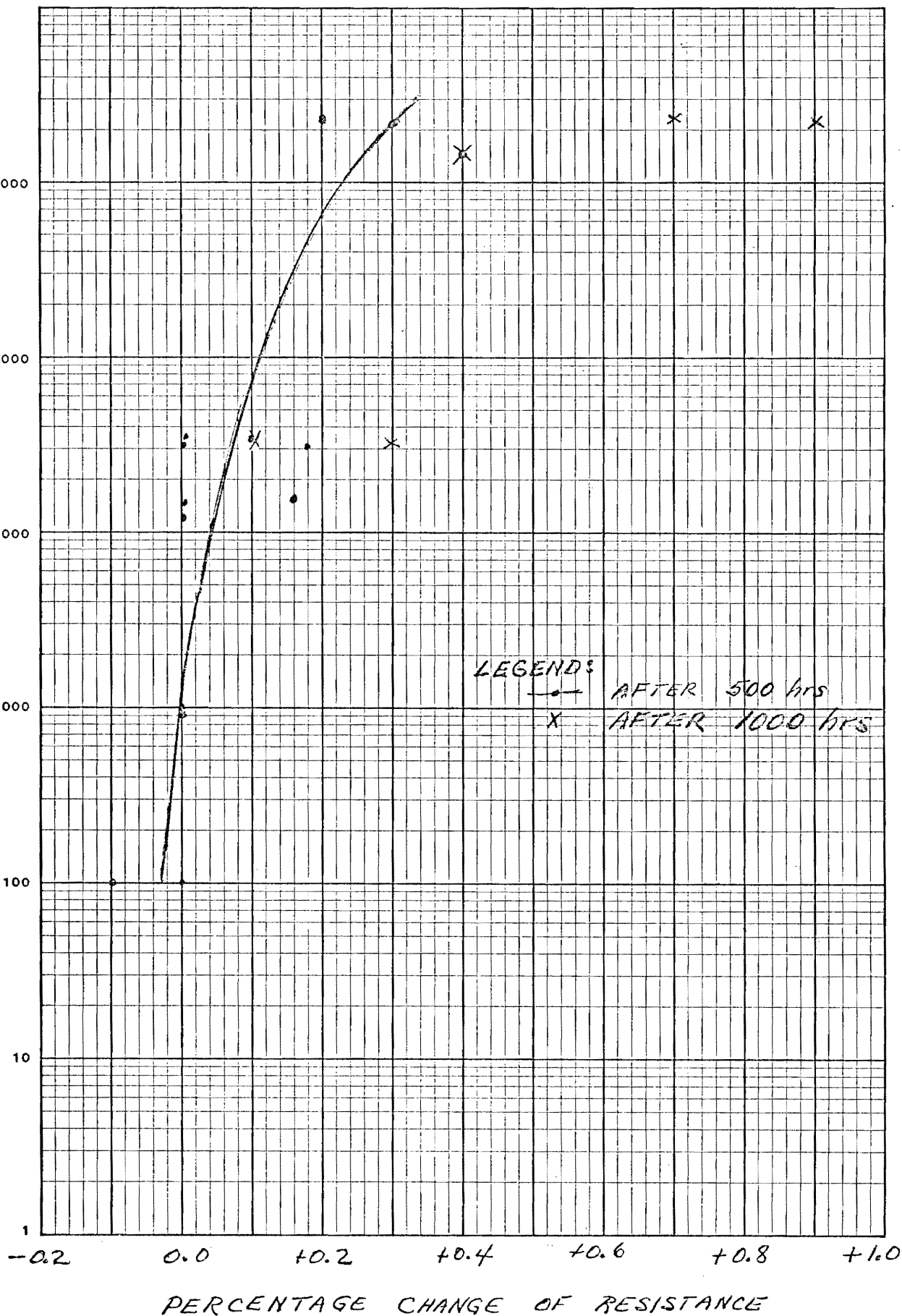
| SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY RANGE (microhm-Cm) | RESISTANCE CHANGE AFTER 168 HOURS | | | | RESISTANCE CHANGE AFTER 500 HOURS | | | | RESISTANCE CHANGE AFTER 1000 HRS | | | | REMARKS | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|---|--|
| | Tot. No. of Specimens Aging | % ΔR | | | Tot. No. of Specimens Aging | % ΔR | | | Total No. of Specimens Aging | % ΔR | | | | |
| | | Lo | Avg | Hi | | Lo | Avg | Hi | | Lo | Avg | Hi | | |
| | UNPROTECTED FILMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $1 \times 10^3 \pm .5 \times 10^3$ | 2 | 0.07 | 0.2 | 0.34 | 2 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.38 | — | — | — | — | 2 Low Agers 2 High Agers | |
| $5 \times 10^4 \pm 2.5 \times 10^4$ | 4 { 2 rel. Low aging, 2 High } | 0.75 | 10 | 23 | 2 | 1.0 | 1.05 | 1.1 | 2 | 1.1 | 1.25 | 1.4 | | |
| | | | | | 2 | 17. | 21. | 25 | — | — | — | — | | |
| $1.6 \times 10^6 \pm 0.2 \times 10^6$ | 3 | 1.1 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 1.3 | 8.3 | 14 | 3 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 15.5 | | |
| | FILMS PROTECTED WITH SiO | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $(1.5 \text{ to } 2.3) \times 10^6$ | 4 | 4.5 | 4.97 | 5.8 | 4 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 4 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 7.3 | | |
| | FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 250 °C & 275 °C | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1×10^2 | 1 | | 0.00 | | 1 | | 0.0 | | | | | | } bake at 250 °C all 4 baked at 275 °C | |
| 1×10^3 | 1 | | 0.00 | | 1 | | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| $(1.4 - 3.5) \times 10^4$ | 5 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 5 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 3 | 0.02 | 0.15 | 0.3 | | |
| $(1.6 - 2.3) \times 10^6$ | 4 | -0.12 | -0.03 | 0.06 | 4 | -0.2 | 0.18 | 0.4 | 4 | -0.2 | 0.45 | 0.9 | | |
| | FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 325 °C | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1×10^2 | 1 | | -0.1 | | 1 | | -0.1 | | | | | | | |
| 1×10^3 | 1 | | +0.08 | | 1 | | 0.0 | | | | | | | |
| $(1.6 - 3.3) \times 10^4$ | 2 | -0.06 | -0.02 | +0.02 | 2 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | | | | | | |

FIGURE 1
 AGING AT 125°C OF C+SiO FILMS
 POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 250°C TO 325°C

MODEL

DATE

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (microhm-cm)



AGING AT 125°C OF UNPROTECTED C-1510 FILM RESISTORS

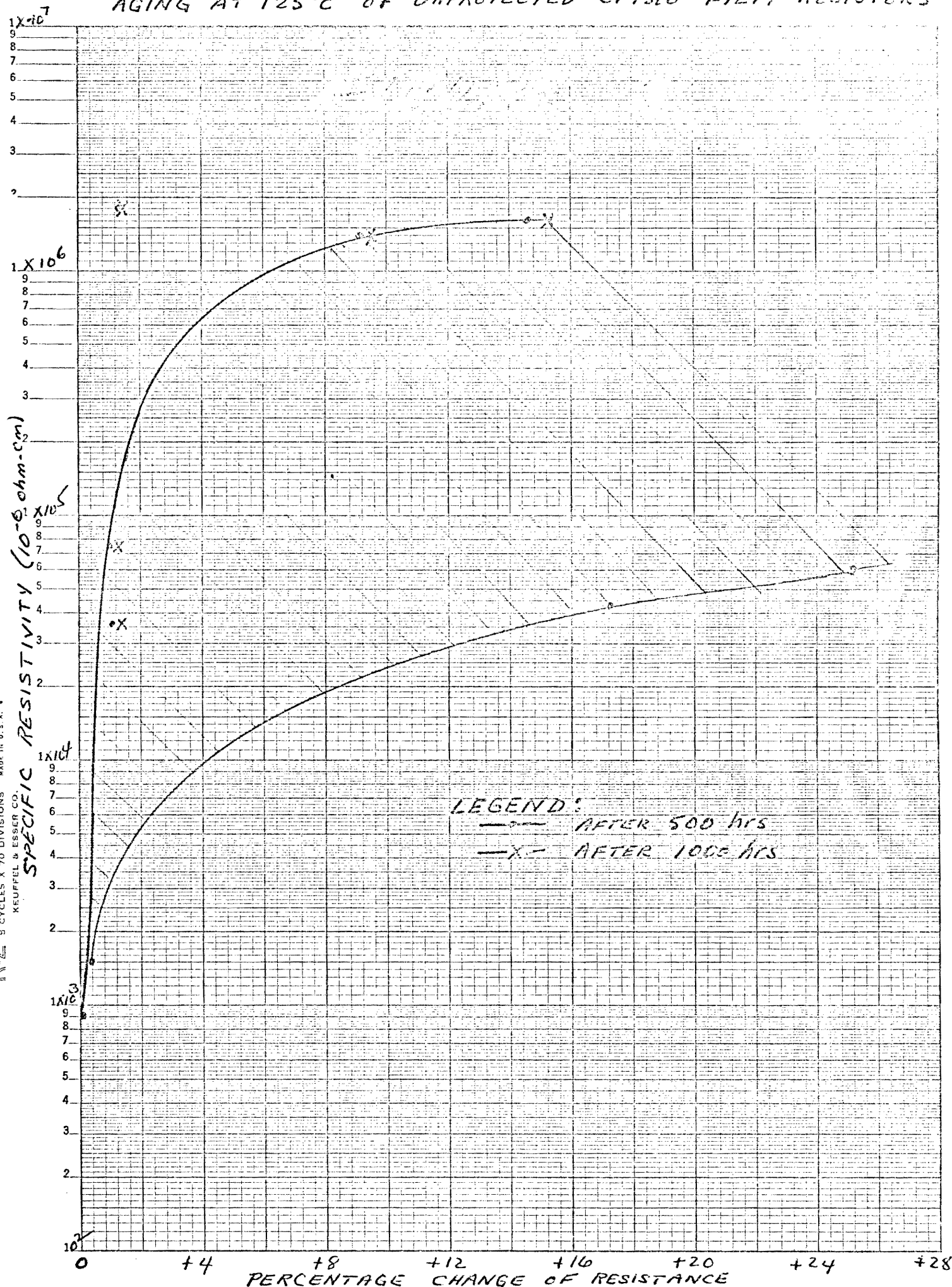


FIGURE 3

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+16
+12
+8
+4
0
-4
-8
-12
-16
-20
-24
-28
-32
-36
-40

SPECIMEN: 1-1
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 5/1/56
 RESISTIVITY: 2.225 mho/cm
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Baked in air
 325°C for 10 hrs
 INITIAL RESISTANCE: 21.6 Ω
 INITIAL T.C.R.: $1 + 2.2 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$
 AGING: (RESISTOR DIMENSION: 2.5 mm)

| METHOD | DATE | IR |
|--------------|------------------------|--------|
| | (Ω) | (%) |
| Baked in air | 5/2/56 at 325°C 10 hrs | 21.725 |
| 125°C air | 5/13/56 | |

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DATE OF MEASUREMENT

FIGURE 4

SPECIMEN: V-2

RECEIVED FABRICATION DATE: 5/11/66

RESISTIVITY: 8225 microhm-cm.

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: NONE

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 91.7-ohm

RESISTOR DIMENSION: 2 square inches

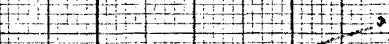
INITIAL TCR: $+1.6 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

ALIGN:

| METHOD | DATE | ΔR (%) |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------|
| | (from) | (to) |
| TCR Cycle #1 | 5/12/66 (320/6/125°C) | +0.5 |
| TCR Cycle #2 | 5/12/66 (320/6/125°C) | +0.4 |
| 125°C AIR | 5/13/66 | |

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+20
+16
+12
+8
+4



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FIGURE 5

SPECIMEN 1-1

REFILM PRESENTATION DATED 5/11/56

RESISTIVITY $\rho = 2.25 \text{ microhm-cm}$

PROTECTIVE MECH. USED Baked in Air for 10 hrs

INITIAL RESISTANCE 2450 ohms

RESISTOR DIMENSIONS: 3 squares

INITIAL T.C.R. $+2.86 \times 10^{-4}/100$

AGENTS:

METHOD

DATE

AR

(500)

(60)

(55)

TCR cycle #1

5/11/56 (22 to 125°C in air)

60.6

Baked in Air

5/12/56 10 hrs @ 325°C

57.0

125°C Air

5/13/56

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+5

+4

+3

+2

+1

0

-1

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FIGURE 6

RESISTANCE CHANGE (%)

+12
+10
+8
+6
+4
+2
0
-2

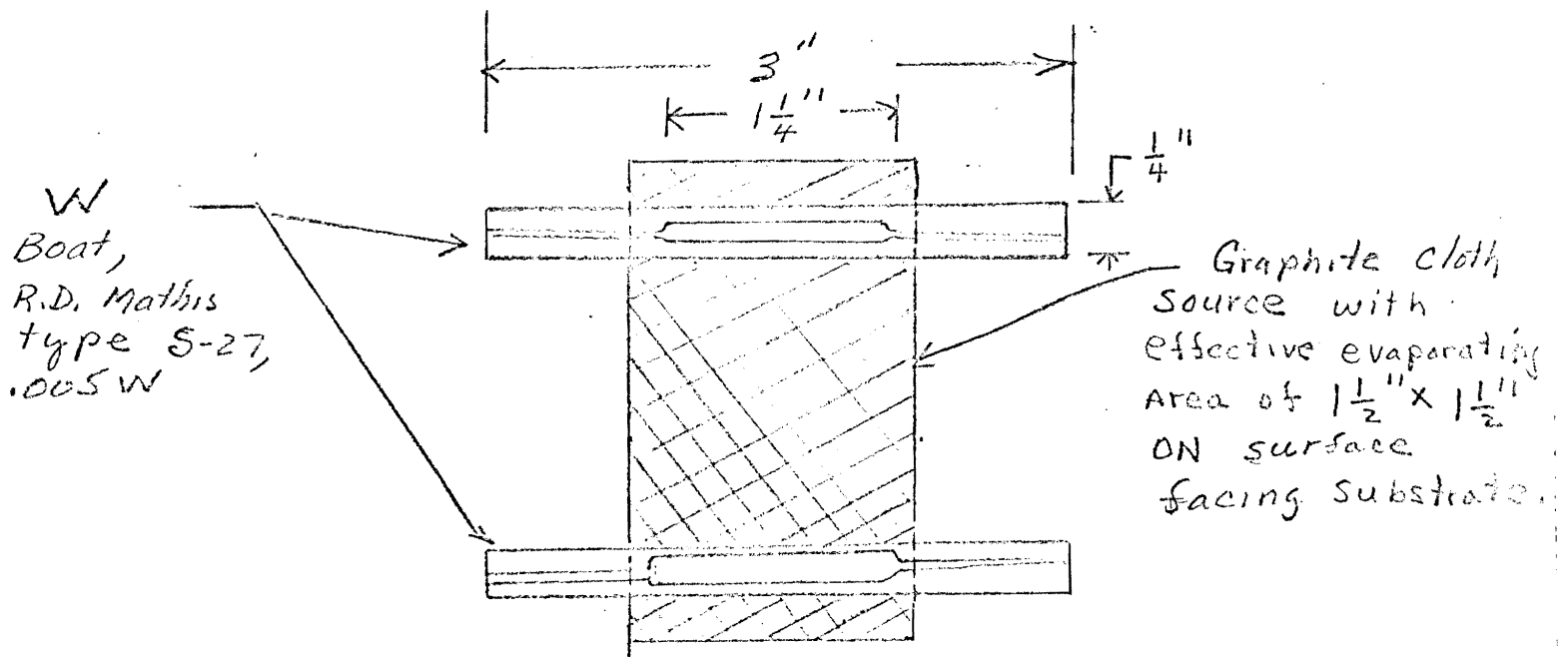
SPECIMEN: V-5
R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 5/11/66
RESISTIVITY: 2.25 microhm-cm
PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: NONE
INITIAL RESISTANCE: 37.7 ohms
RESISTOR DIMENSIONS: 2 squares
INITIAL TCR: $+1.59 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
NOTES:

| METHOD | date | AC |
|--------------|----------------------|------|
| | (from) | (to) |
| TCR cycle #1 | 5/12/66 (20 to 25°C) | 100% |
| TCR cycle #2 | 5/13/66 (") | 100% |
| 125°C AIR | 5/13/66 | |

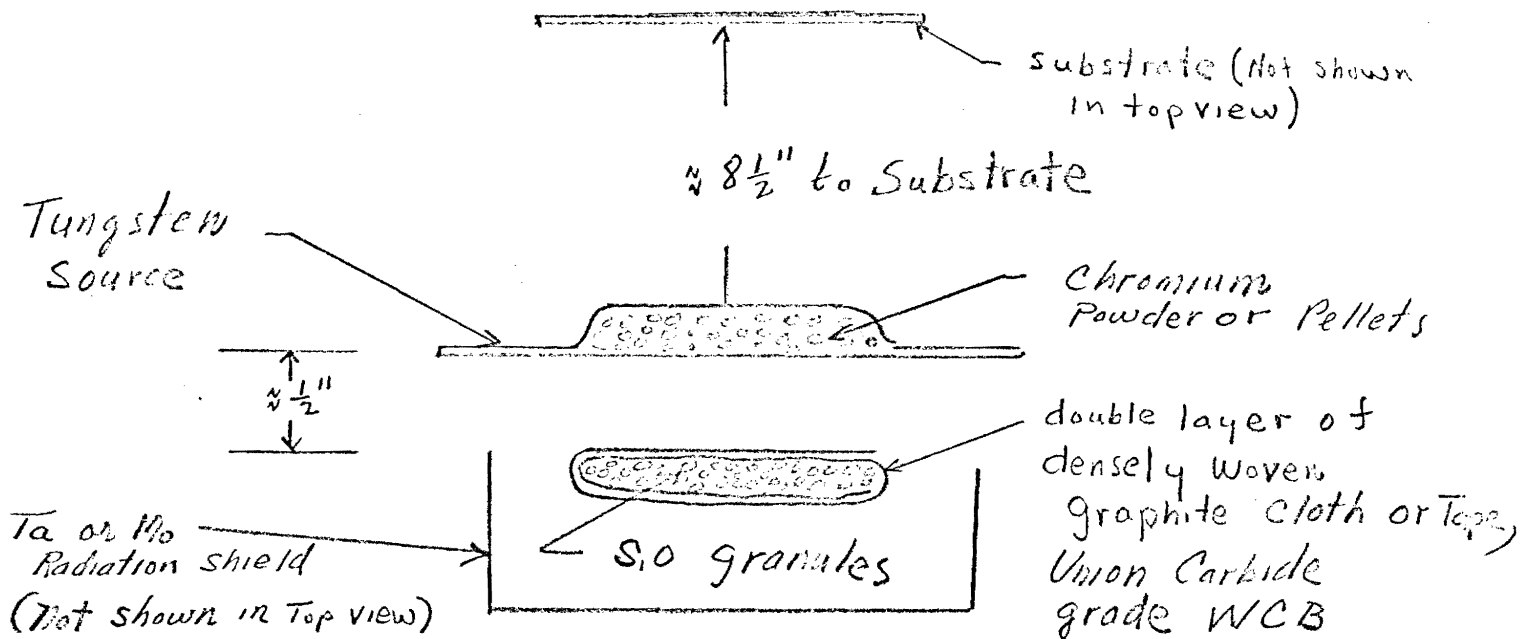
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FIGURE 7
SKETCH OF
EXPERIMENTAL SOURCE DESIGN
FOR CO-EVAPORATION OF Cr & SiO



Top view



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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

During the month 16 additional resistors completed the minimum period of 1000 hours of aging at 125°C. Resistance and TCR data of all specimens that have completed the aging period were tabulated and compared. The analytical group completed modification of the electron microprobe and analysis of the composition of previously fabricated films was initiated. Concurrent electron diffraction and micrographic studies are being made. Construction of the experimental source for the co-evaporation of Cr and SiO discussed in the last monthly report was completed, and testing of the source was begun. Studies to determine the feasibility of preparing high resistive film resistors by evaporation appropriate metals from graphite cloth or crucibles to form composites of metal and metal carbides were initiated.

Specimens removed from aging at 125°C during the month included 12 of the series Cr + SiO and 4 vanadium resistors. This completed the 1000 hour aging measurements of previously fabricated films. The changes in resistance and TCR values after the aging period are tabulated with that obtained earlier for other specimens of the chromium-silicon monoxide and manganese-silicon monoxide resistors in data sheets 1 and 2.

The dependence of resistance change after 1000 hours of aging at 125°C in air on initial film resistivity of Mn + SiO films is illustrated in Figure 1. The variously treated films are depicted together for comparison. The cross-hatched area represents the spread of data obtained for those resistors overcoated with SiO. The lower boundary represents the best aging expected for the

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SiO protected films, and the upper boundary represents the worst aging expected for these films. The SiO protected films were typically better than either the unprotected or post-baked films. There is evidence that the unprotected points falling in the region of the protected films are actually protected with an SiO overlayer. The reasons for this were discussed in Monthly progress letter Number 11. Electron micrographs of the films may lend support to this effect. Of this species, only those films protected with SiO and falling in the range of 500 to 1×10^4 microhm-cm show much promise as a precision resistor material. The resistance of all films in this series increased during the aging at 125°C with the lowest aging in the respective order of SiO overcoated, post-baked, and unprotected. Five of the post-baked films had positive TCR changes and two shifted in a negative direction. Similarly 6 of 8 unprotected films increased in TCR value. Thus, a substantial number of the TCR values of the films in these two categories increased slightly with aging. On the otherhand, 7 of 8 films protected with SiO showed a negative shift in TCR value; see data sheets 1 and 2.

Change in resistance with respect to the initial specific resistivity of Cr + SiO films after aging for 1000 hours at 125°C in air is shown in Figures 2 and 3 for the resistivity range of 100 to 2.5×10^6 microhm-cm. Four resistors of this species with resistivities ranging $(1.5 \text{ to } 2.3)10^6$ microhm-cm were overcoated with SiO, and aging data on these are tabulated in data sheet 2. The resistors baked in air at temperatures of 250°C, 275°C, and 325°C are superior to the unprotected films and those protected with SiO. Similar films post-baked at the three temperatures age equally well with respect to resistance changes. The post-baked films are highly stable as indicated by an increase of less than 1 percent in resistance. The unprotected resistors of Figure 3 exhibit a greater spread of values in aging with a maximum increase in resistance of about 30 percent for resistivities up to 1×10^5 microhm-cm. Films of this series overcoated with SiO increased in value an average of about 5.5 percent which compares to about 0.7 percent for similar resistors post-baked in air. Changes in TCR values were about evenly divided between negative and positive shifts for the post-baked films. However, of the four films overcoated with SiO, three had positive shifts and one did not change; this is opposite in sense from the results obtained for Mn + SiO films protected with SiO. Except for a slight indication that the shifts were smaller in the region of 1×10^4 microhm-cm, no clear pattern of TCR change with resistivity of Cr + SiO films can be detected.

The four vanadium film resistors fabricated by electron beam evaporation techniques have aged poorly. Specimens V-1 and V-4 were post-baked in air at 325°C. No special treatments were given V-2 and V-5. Initially all four of these films had a resistivity of approximately 225 microhm-cm and a TCR of about $+2.3 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$. During post-baking, both V-1 and V-4 oxidized excessively; the resultant increases in resistance were 9,720 and 698 percent, respectively; corresponding changes in TCR values were $-95 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $-46 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$. During subsequent aging at 125°C in air, V-1 and V-4 increased in resistance values 60 and 3.2 percent, respectively; the respective TCR changes were $-2 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $+7.4 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$. Both of the unprotected films, V-2 and V-5, increased in resistance and TCR with the average increase in resistance equal to 15 percent

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and the average change in TCR equal to $+0.15 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. Thus of the four resistors V-4 underwent the least change in resistance during aging at 125°C .

The co-deposition of V and SiO has not been attempted. However, it is interesting to note that films of the series Mn + SiO in the resistivity region of 1×10^3 microhm-cm showed less aging than pure Mn film resistors or films of the Mn + SiO series with resistivities appreciably greater than 1×10^3 microhm-cm. It is suspected that the introduction of a small percentage of SiO impurity has a stabilizing effect on the resistivity of films formed from metals with an affinity for oxygen. It is believed that during the co-deposition of metals and SiO, the SiO through gettering action in both the vapor and film state reduces the chances of the metal atoms to unite with an oxygen atom.

The experimental source for the co-evaporation of Cr + SiO discussed in the previous monthly report was constructed. It was installed in the Veeco VE-400 vacuum evaporator. Two power sources permit independent control of the co-evaporants. Separate evaporations of the evaporants are being made on 2" x 2" substrates to determine thickness distribution of each source, respectively, over the relatively large substrate area.

A few exploratory evaporations of aluminum were made from graphite cloth sources. Some reaction occurred between the aluminum and graphite. The deposited films had varying degrees of a yellowish-greenish cast indicating that the films were composed of aluminum and aluminum carbide. Film samples were sent to the analytical laboratory for analysis. Resistivity measurements of the films have not been made. Further studies of the evaporation of aluminum and possibly some of the rare earth metals from graphite are planned.

The electron beam evaporation system purchased during this contract is not operating satisfactorily yet. The Vendor has shipped a new gun and this should arrive within the next week; this has delayed planned studies of resistor fabrication by respective co-deposition of tungsten and tantalum with SiO.

During the next period the following efforts will be emphasized:

1. Conduct a structural analysis of selected resistors.
2. Pursue the co-deposition of refractory metals with SiO by electron beam techniques.
3. Evaluate the experimental source for the co-evaporation of Cr and SiO.
4. Explore further the possibilities of depositing metal - metal carbide resistive films by evaporations of metals from graphite or carbon sources.

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FIGURE 1

AGING OF Mn+SiO FILM RESISTORS
AFTER 1000 HOURS AT 125 °C IN AIR

PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF RESISTANCE

LEGEND:

- Films protected with an over-layer of SiO₂
- x- Unprotected Films
- o- Films baked in air at 200 & 250 °C for 6 1/2 hours

SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY ($10^6 \Omega \text{ cm}$)

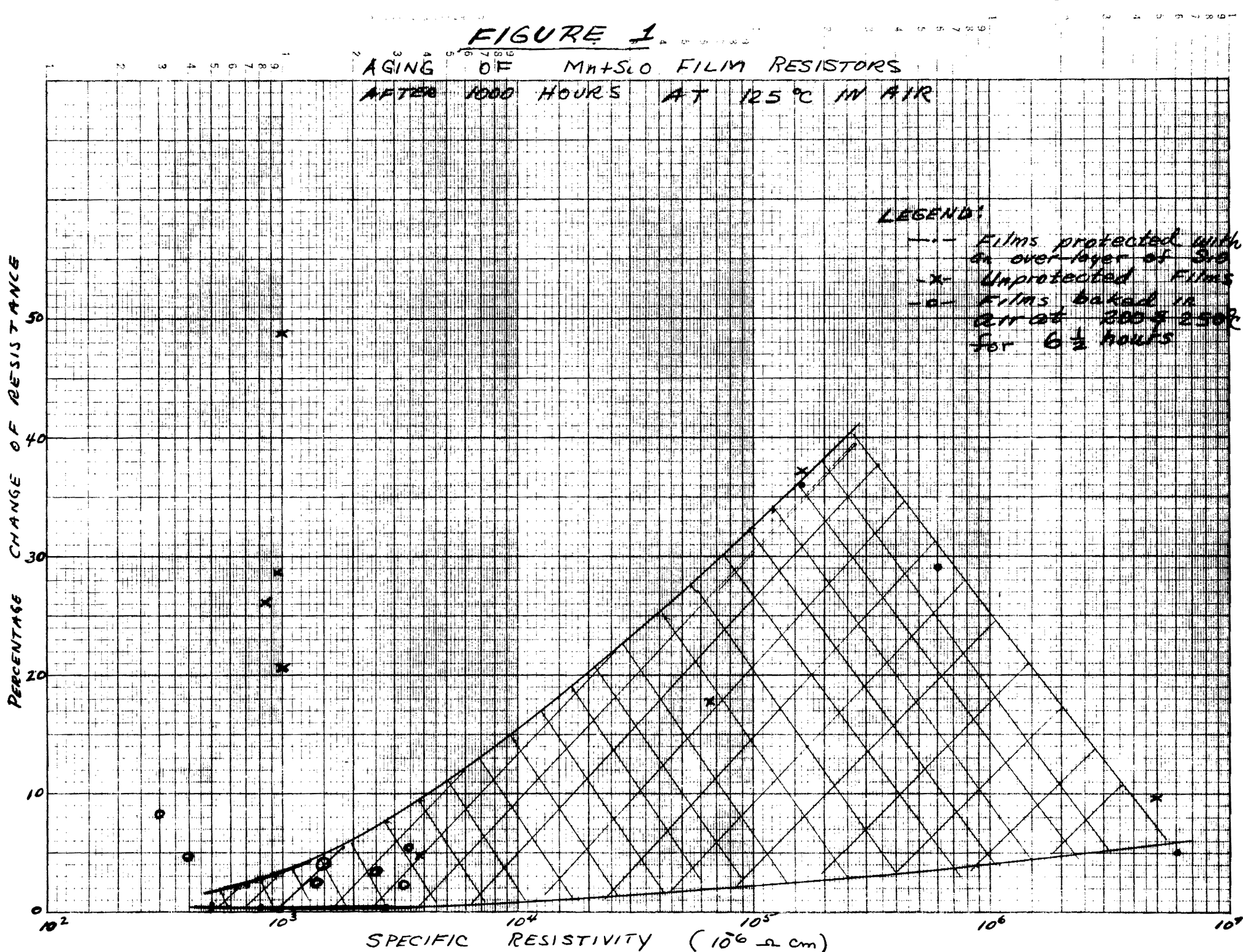


FIGURE 2

AGING AFTER 1000 HOURS AT 125°C IN AIR OF
Cr+SiO₂ FILMS POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 250°C TO 325°C

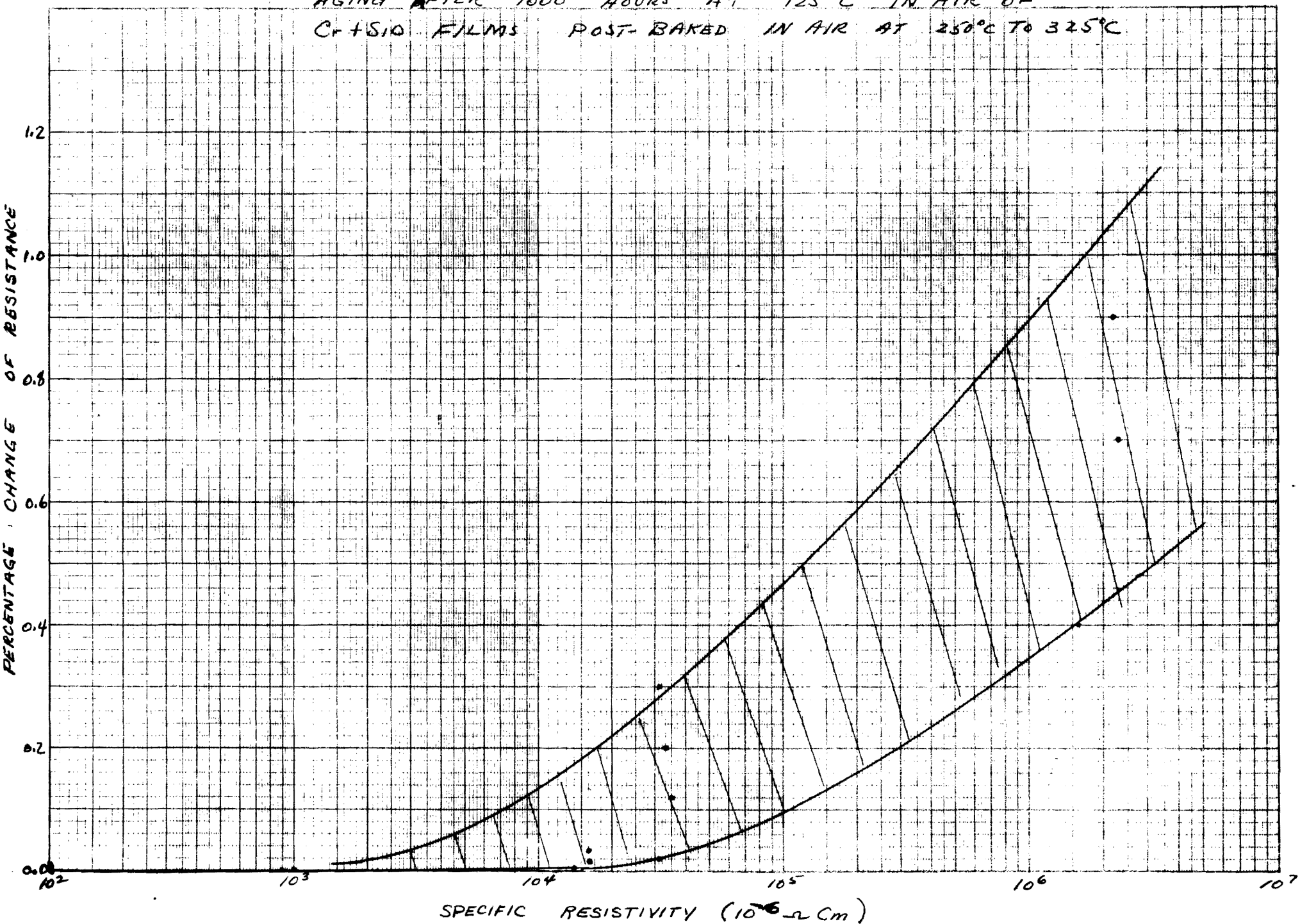
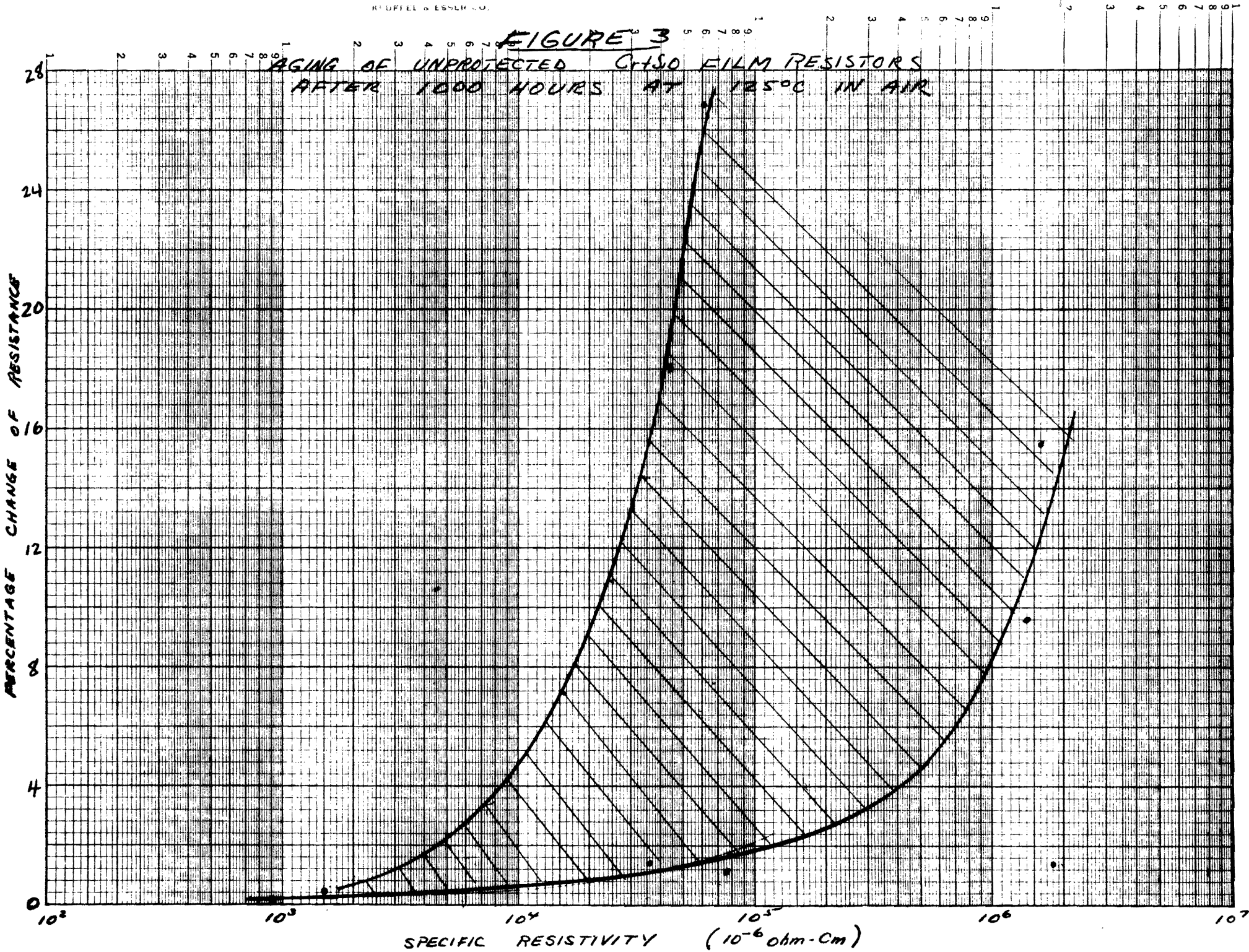


FIGURE 3

AGING OF UNPROTECTED CrSiO FILM RESISTORS
AFTER 1000 HOURS AT 125°C IN AIR



DATA SHEET

SHEET 1

RESISTANCE AND TCR CHANGES OF FILM RESISTORS

AGED FOR 1000 HOURS AT 125°C IN AIR

| SPECIMEN | ρ ($10^{-6} \Omega \text{ cm}$) | ΔR (%) | TCR AT BEG ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | FINAL TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | REMARKS | | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | | | UNPROTECTED | FILMS | | | |
| MntSiO-8-C | 6.7×10^4 | +17.8 | -8.8 | -10.18 | -1.38 | | | DATA MUST BE RECHECKED | | |
| MntSiO-10-C | 3.8×10^3 | +4.8 | -0.466 | -0.44 | +0.026 | | | FOR CALCULATION ACCURACY | | |
| MntSiO-12-C | 1×10^3 | +20.5 | +0.728 | +0.95 | +0.222 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-14-C | 8.5×10^2 | +26.1 | +0.81 | +1.186 | +0.376 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-16-C | 1×10^3 | +48.8 | +0.703 | +1.06 | +0.357 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-18-C | 9.5×10^2 | +28.7 | +0.79 | +0.889 | +0.099 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-20-C | 1.5×10^5 | +37.1 | -12.2 | -14.38 | -2.18 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-22-C | 5×10^6 | +9.7 | -30.8 | -29.28 | +1.52 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-19-C | 3.6×10^4 | +1.4 | -4.71 | -5.02 | -0.31 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-21-C | 7.5×10^4 | +1.1 | -7.97 | -8.22 | -0.25 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-25-C | 1.8×10^6 | +1.4 | -26.3 | -25.9 | +0.40 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-31-C | 1.6×10^6 | +15.5 | -25.3 | -24.49 | +0.81 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-34-C | 1.4×10^6 | +9.6 | -24.5 | -24.64 | -0.14 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-36-C | 4.3×10^4 | +18.1 | -4.97 | -5.13 | -0.16 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-39-C | 6.1×10^4 | +26.9 | -6.53 | -6.3 | +0.23 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-42-C | 1.5×10^3 | +0.42 | +1.94 | +1.90 | -0.04 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-45-C | 900 | +0.23 | +2.01 | +2.23 | +0.22 | | | | | |
| V-2 | ≈ 225 | +13.6 | +1.4 | +1.51 | +0.11 | | | | | |
| V-5 | ≈ 225 | +16 | +1.38 | +1.57 | +0.19 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | FILMS POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 200°C | | | | |
| MntSiO-24-C | 3.4×10^3 | +5.52 | -0.472 | -0.421 | +0.051 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-25-C | 2.5×10^3 | +3.3 | +0.268 | +0.443 | +0.175 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-26-C | 4×10^2 | +4.7 | +1.36 | +1.49 | +0.13 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-30-C | 1.5×10^3 | +4 | +1.55 | +1.57 | +0.02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | FILMS POST-BAKED IN AIR AT 250°C | | | | |
| MntSiO-28-C | 3×10^2 | +8.25 | +1.45 | +1.47 | +0.02 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-29-C | 1.4×10^3 | +2.36 | +1.02 | +0.95 | -0.07 | | | | | |
| MntSiO-31-C | 3.3×10^3 | +2.10 | -0.186 | -0.259 | -0.073 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-18-C | 3.1×10^4 | +0.3 | -4.13 | -4.37 | -0.24 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-20-C | 3.5×10^4 | +0.12 | -4.38 | -4.73 | -0.35 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-22-C | 1.4×10^4 | +0.02 | -1.49 | -1.45 | +0.04 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-35-C | 3.1×10^4 | +0.2 | -3.75 | -3.90 | -0.15 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-38-C | 1.6×10^4 | +0.26 | -1.15 | -1.2 | -0.05 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-41-C | $\approx 1 \times 10^3$ | 0.00 | +2.12 | +2.08 | -0.04 | | | | | |
| CrtSiO-44-C | ≈ 100 | +0.05 | +2.59 | +2.81 | +0.22 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | (Continued on Sheet 2) | | | | |

SHEET 2

AGED FOR 1000 HOURS AT 125°C IN AIR

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Attention: PR-EC

Subject: Monthly Progress Letter No. 15
Contract No. NAS8-20072
"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
Period: 1 July to 1 August 1966

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Uniformity of Cr + SiO films deposited with the experimental co-evaporation source proposed in monthly letter No. 13 were determined. A new electron beam system was obtained during the month, and a few evaporations of tantalum and tungsten were made. The analytical laboratory continued structural and composition studies of previously fabricated specimens.

Chromium and silicon monoxide resistors were evaporated with the experimental co-evaporation source sketched in Figure 1. The evaporations were made with the source "A" to substrate geometry of Figure 2. During evaporations, the two chromium sources were operated in parallel at a total current of 220 amperes, and the SiO source current was 55 amperes. The SiO source was loaded with 20 grams of SiO particles ranging from 10 mesh to pea size. Approximately 4.5 grams of chromium pellets were placed in each of the chromium sources for a total load of 9 grams. Intense heat radiation from the source caused considerable degassing in the vacuum chamber. As a result of this and the low pumping capacity of the 4" vacuum system, evaporations were made in the 1×10^{-4} torr range. Considerable oxidation of both the chromium and silicon monoxide can occur in the 1×10^{-4} torr range. This is particularly true for pressures exceeding 5×10^{-4} torr. (Complete oxidation of SiO and Cr in partial pressures of oxygen greater than 7×10^{-4} torr were discussed in monthly letters No. 11 and 12.) To maintain the pressure in the lower half of this range

for the total deposition period of 10 minutes, successive deposition cycles were required. Before deposition of the resistive films, the source was operated with the substrate shutter closed to aid in degassing the vacuum chamber. During these periods the pressure increased to the upper limit of the 1×10^{-4} torr range. At the higher pressures some oxidation of the graphite cloth occurred, and it gradually increased in resistance with time. Chromium vapor reaction with the graphite source possibly contributed to an increase in resistance, also. Hence, for the given SiO source current of 55 amperes, the evaporation rate of SiO increased with extended use. This resulted in higher film resistivities for the last films deposited and accounted partially for the wide variation of resistivities obtained for different substrates, even though, the same source currents were used for all the films. Variation in bell jar pressure, also, resulted in variations in film resistivity. A contact metal transmission mask was placed in front of the substrate to deposit 6 resistors on each substrate simultaneously. The substrates dimensions were 2" x 2" x 1/32". Locations of the resistors on the substrate are shown in Figure 3. Measurements of resistance, TCR, and thickness were made to determine uniformity of characteristics over an area corresponding to a radius of 3/4" with respect to the center of the substrate.

The resistivity of the specimens ranged from 6×10^3 to 1.7×10^8 microhm-cm. TCR values for a given resistivity were, generally, in agreement with that reported earlier for cermet films of this species. The resistivity was determined by multiplying the initial resistance per square by film thickness. The thickness for each resistor was determined by taking the average value of measurements made at two positions on the film; these were made on opposite edges near the mid-point of each resistor. The mid-points of resistors 2 and 3, M and 5, and 1 and 4 are located at a radius of 0.25", 0.56", and 0.75", respectively. Average thickness and resistivity values were obtained for each radius by calculating the mean values of respective resistor pairs. The thickness variation of Cr-SiO films on two substrates are shown in Figure 4-b. Values were normalized for a value of 1 at a radius of 0.25". The thickness of specimen No. 6 increased 61 percent at a radius of 3/4" with respect to the projected value of a film at the y intercept, or zero radius. This specimen showed the greatest variation in both thickness and resistivity. Specimen No. 8 had the least variation in thickness and resistivity. Corresponding values of other specimens lay between the limits of specimens No. 6 and No. 8. Since resistivity values increased in a similar manner across the substrate, it was suspected that SiO enrichment of the composite film occurred with increasing radius. To verify the latter, separate evaporations were made with the chromium and SiO sources. From one chromium deposition, an average thickness of 2030 ± 30 Å was obtained for the pattern of Figure 3. Hence within the accuracy of measurements the chromium film was uniform. Two SiO specimens were deposited. One was deposited with the chromium sources energized but empty to simulate the conditions for depositing the composite films; the other specimen was deposited with the chromium source off. The thickness variation of these films are shown in Figure 4-a. The thickness of both films increased positively with respect to the radius; however, the film deposited with the chromium source on increased to a greater extent and more rapidly with increasing radius.

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Assuming that the chromium deposition was uniform across the substrate and that resistivity variation across the substrate resulted from non-uniformity of the deposited SiO, plots of specific resistivity versus percent increase in SiO thickness, as indicated by the upper curve of Figure 4-a, are shown for specimens No. 6 and No. 7 in Figure 5. Of course, these plots are relative to the amount of chromium deposited in each case with the chromium sources operated at a total current of 220 amperes, the actual variable being the SiO to Cr concentration ratio or SiO concentration. Specimen No. 6 was the least uniform film, and specimen No. 7 represents the more typical results. These curves indicate that very uniform SiO concentration is required. The curve for specimen No. 6 indicates that the SiO uniformity, can not vary more than 3 percent in order to maintain the resistivity variation within ± 5 percent over an area defined by a radius of $3/4$ ". On the otherhand, specimen No. 7 indicates that a 7 percent variation in SiO uniformity is permissible for similar resistivity variations.

SiO depositions were made with a SiO source similar to that of source "A" of Figure 2 but with a source to substrate geometry as indicated in source "B" of Figure 2. In the source "B" arrangement, every point of the substrate is not in line of sight with every point of the source due to limitations of the stop; also, the substrate to source distance was less. With source "B", a film thickness distribution was obtained that decreased in thickness with increasing substrate radius per Figure 6. Thus effects of the stop between the source and substrate and the source to substrate distance are quite evident by comparing Figure 6 with the lower curve of Figure 4-a. A stop with a 1" x 1" aperture has been installed between the graphite source and the chromium source of source "A" to study its effects on film uniformity. Parallel cylindrical SiO sources similar in geometry to the chromium sources of Figure 1 will probably provide SiO films equal in uniformity to that obtained for the chromium film above. Two parallel sources arranged perpendicularly and symmetrically to the chromium sources will possibly be the most ready solution to providing uniform Cr-SiO cermet deposits.

In general, experience indicates that a source design similar to the arrangement of Figure 1 with adequate stopping or similar to the latter suggestion above promises to be useful for fabricating Cr-SiO cermet resistors with average tolerances. However, it is quite obvious that precision control of dual evaporation sources of any type is a difficult problem. (It is felt that the most practical approach to depositing cermet films is to sputter the films from a bulk cermet cathode possessing the desired characteristic, since the material can be deposited in film form by this technique with a composition essentially equal to that of the parent material.)

A vacuum system that will maintain chamber pressures in the $(1 \text{ to } 10)10^{-6}$ torr range would afford better process control than that obtained with the system used above. The Veeco VE-775 system in our laboratory is set up for electron-beam evaporations, presently. It has sufficient pumping capacity to maintain the desired pressure during these evaporations. When a satisfactory source geometry is determined, the source will be tested in the better vacuum environment of the VE-775 system.

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The Veeco VeB-6 electron-beam system purchased initially during this contract proved to be unsatisfactory. Veeco replaced that system on July 22 with a new system. The new gun was installed and appears to be satisfactory. Both tantalum and tungsten have been deposited. The evaporations were made by directing the beam onto respective slugs of the materials. For tantalum a 1/4" diameter by 1" long slug was used, and a 1/2" diameter slug of tungsten 1" in length was used. Substrates were placed 8" above the source material. To obtain significant deposition rates at this source to substrate distance, the beam powers required were 2.4 kw and 2.6 kw at 20 kv for the tantalum and tungsten, respectively.

To deposit tantalum film resistors, Corning 7059 glass substrates were heated to 450°C and 250°C with a substrate heater before and during the evaporation of the tantalum. During two minute evaporations at the above rates, the substrates were overheated to the softening point and cracked either during the heating on subsequent cooling. Three resistors were salvaged from the 250°C specimen; these corresponded to resistors at positions M, 1, and 4 of Figure 3. The average resistance of the resistors was 505 ± 29 ohms. The corresponding resistance per square value was 202 ± 15 ohms. TCR values of the films were $(-1.93, -2.00, \text{ and } -1.99)10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for resistors M, 1, and 4 respectively. The films appeared to be less than 100 Å in thickness, and significant thickness measurements by the techniques employed could not be made.

During initial tests to establish an evaporation rate for tantalum and tungsten, glass microscope slides were laid across the hole in the top support plate of the Edward's microcircuit jig with the heaters removed; and during deposition the slides were not heated with an auxiliary heater. These substrates did not break during deposition of either the tantalum or tungsten. Thus, it appears that either the Corning glass has heat strains initially or else they are developing heat strains during excessive heating or subsequent cooling. The softening point of the glass is about 520°C, and depositions have been made repeatedly by other techniques where the substrates were heated to 400°C without cracking of the substrate. Depositions of resistors on room temperature substrates will be tried next; it may be necessary to obtain some quartz or other refractory substrates for work with the electron-beam apparatus.

Considerable data were obtained by the analytical group during the month on structure and composition of previously fabricated specimens; however, the interpretation of these data is incomplete and will be reported upon subsequently.

During the next period the following will be pursued:

1. continue structural studies of films;
2. fabricate and examine films of refractory materials prepared by electron-beam techniques;
3. continue examination of the experimental source designs for co-evaporation of Cr and SiO uniformly over large areas.

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FIGURE 1
EXPERIMENTAL SOURCE FOR
CO-DEPOSITION OF Cr & SiO

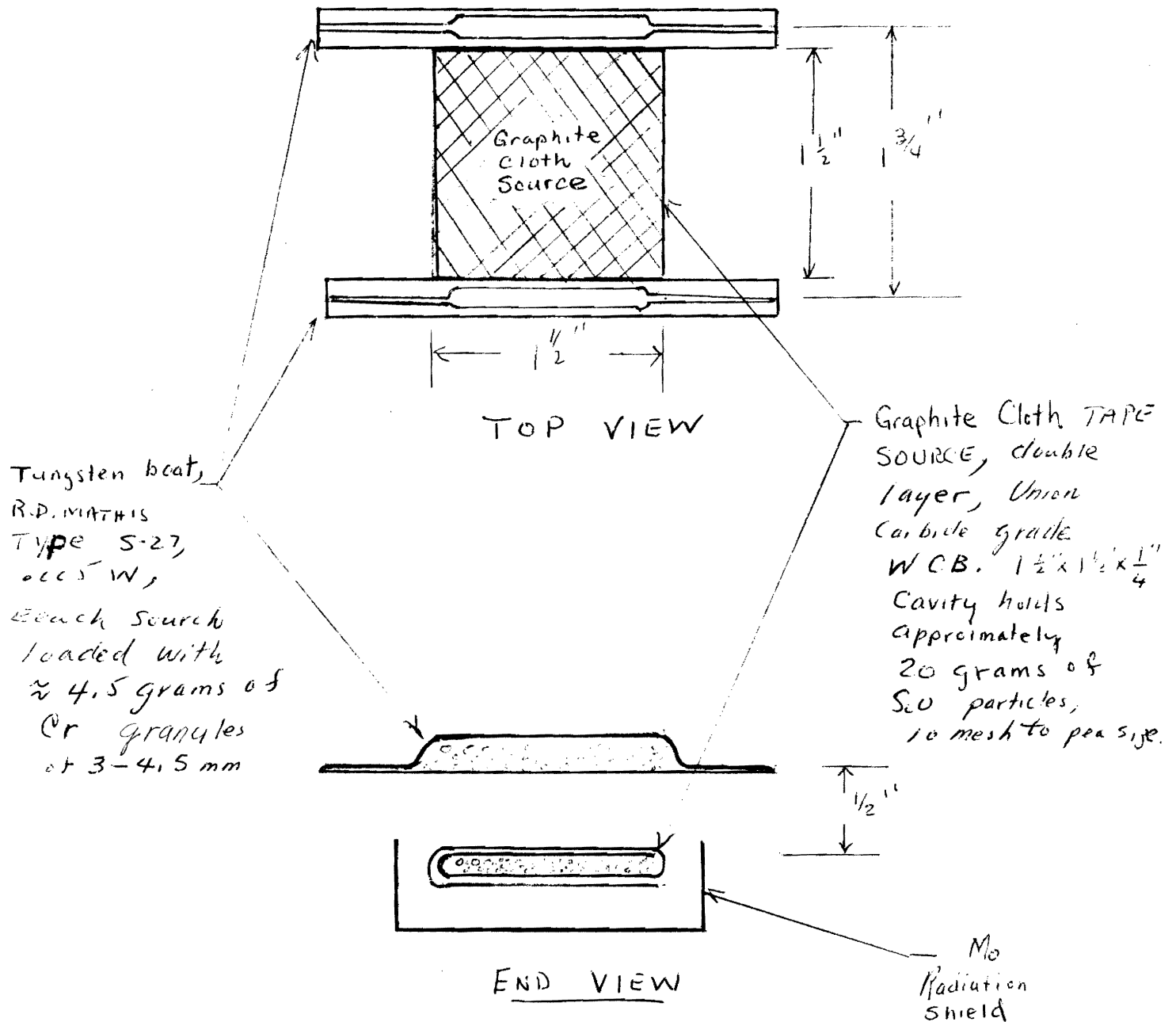


FIGURE 2
SOURCE TO SUBSTRATE GEOMETRIES
FOR SIC DEPOSITIONS

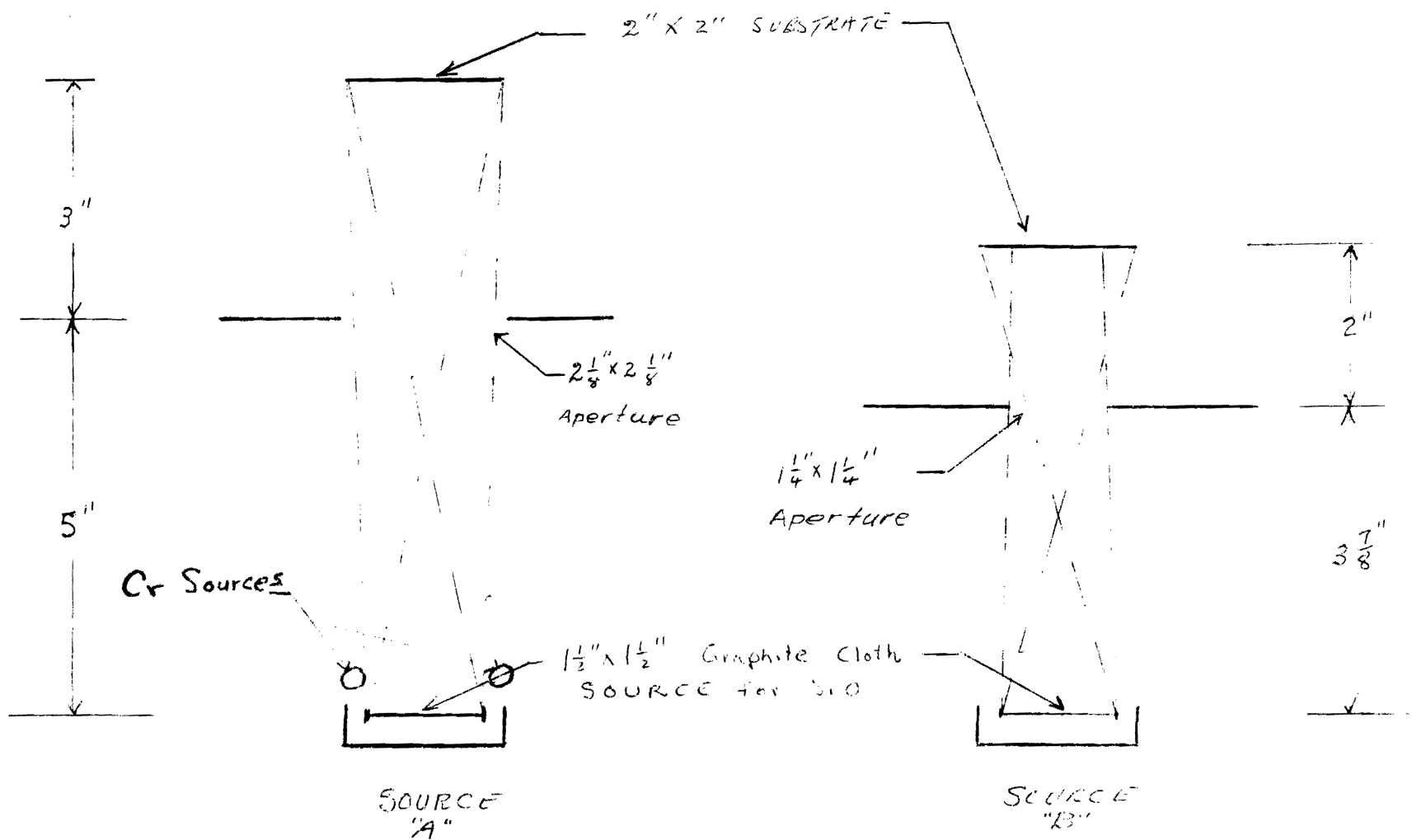


FIGURE 3

RESISTOR LAYOUT ON
2" x 2" SUBSTRATE

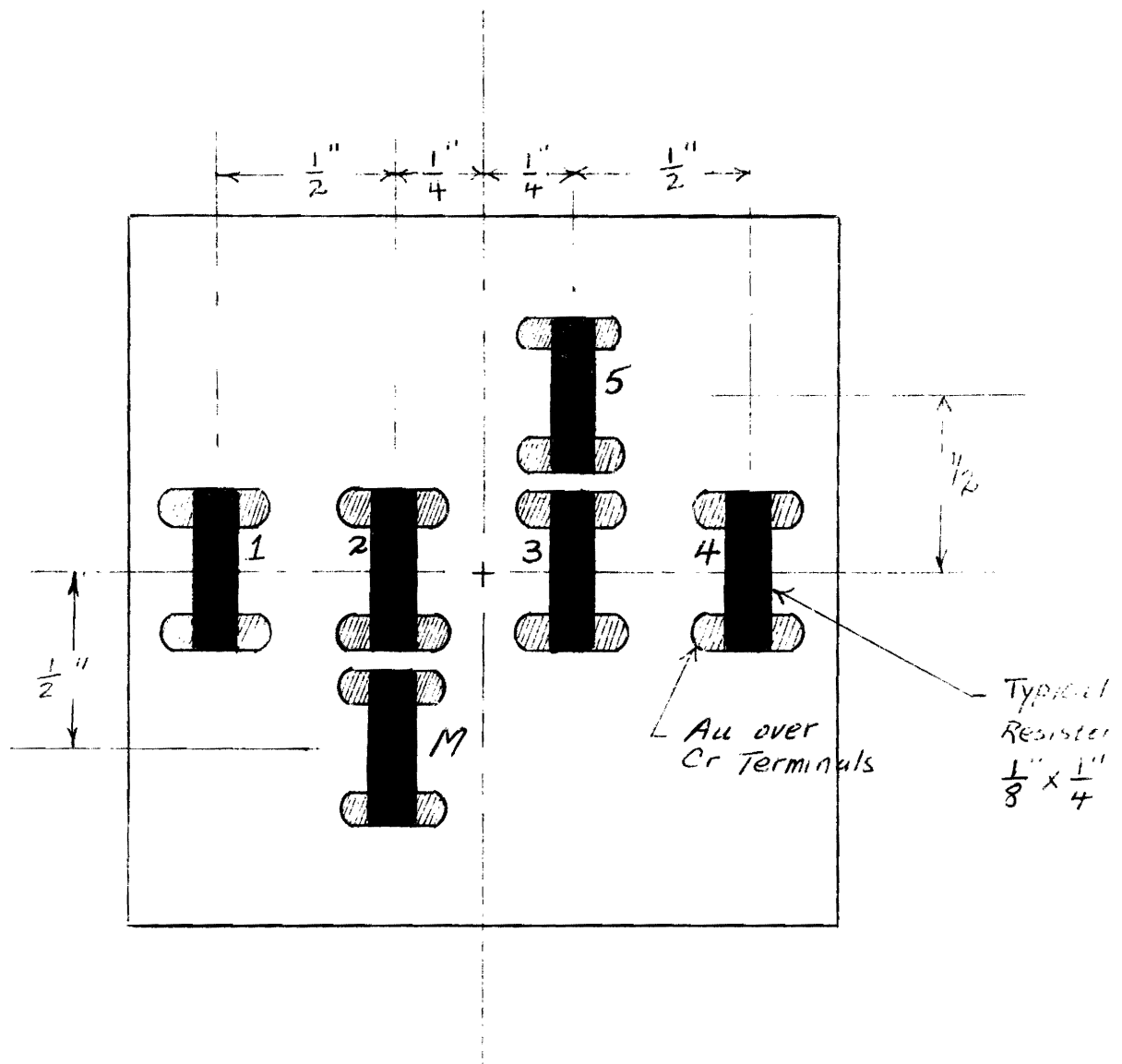


FIGURE 4

UNIFORMITY OF FILMS DEPOSITED WITH EXPERIMENTAL SOURCE FOR THE CO-EVAPORATION OF Cr AND SiO

Figure 4-a SiO FILMS (Source Geometry "A")

SiO Source $I = 65$ Amps.
Empty Cr Source $I = 200$ Amps
Evap time = 10 min.
Avg. $t @ 0.25'' = 410 \text{ \AA}$

SiO Source $I = 70$ Amp. for $15''$
& 65 Amps. for $8.5''$
Cr Source $I = 0$
Avg. $t @ 0.25'' = 1770 \text{ \AA}$

Figure 4-b Cr + SiO FILMS

SiO source $I = 55$ Amp.
Cr source $I = 220$ Amp.

Specimen #6
 $P = 5.9 \text{ microhm-cm}$
and $t = 1115 \text{ \AA} @ 0.25''$

Specimen #9
 $P = 1.2 \times 10^8 \text{ microhm-cm}$
and $t = 4450 \text{ \AA} @ 0.25''$

NORMALIZED THICKNESS

RADIAL DISTANCE FROM CENTER OF SUBSTRATE
(INCHES)

FIGURE 5

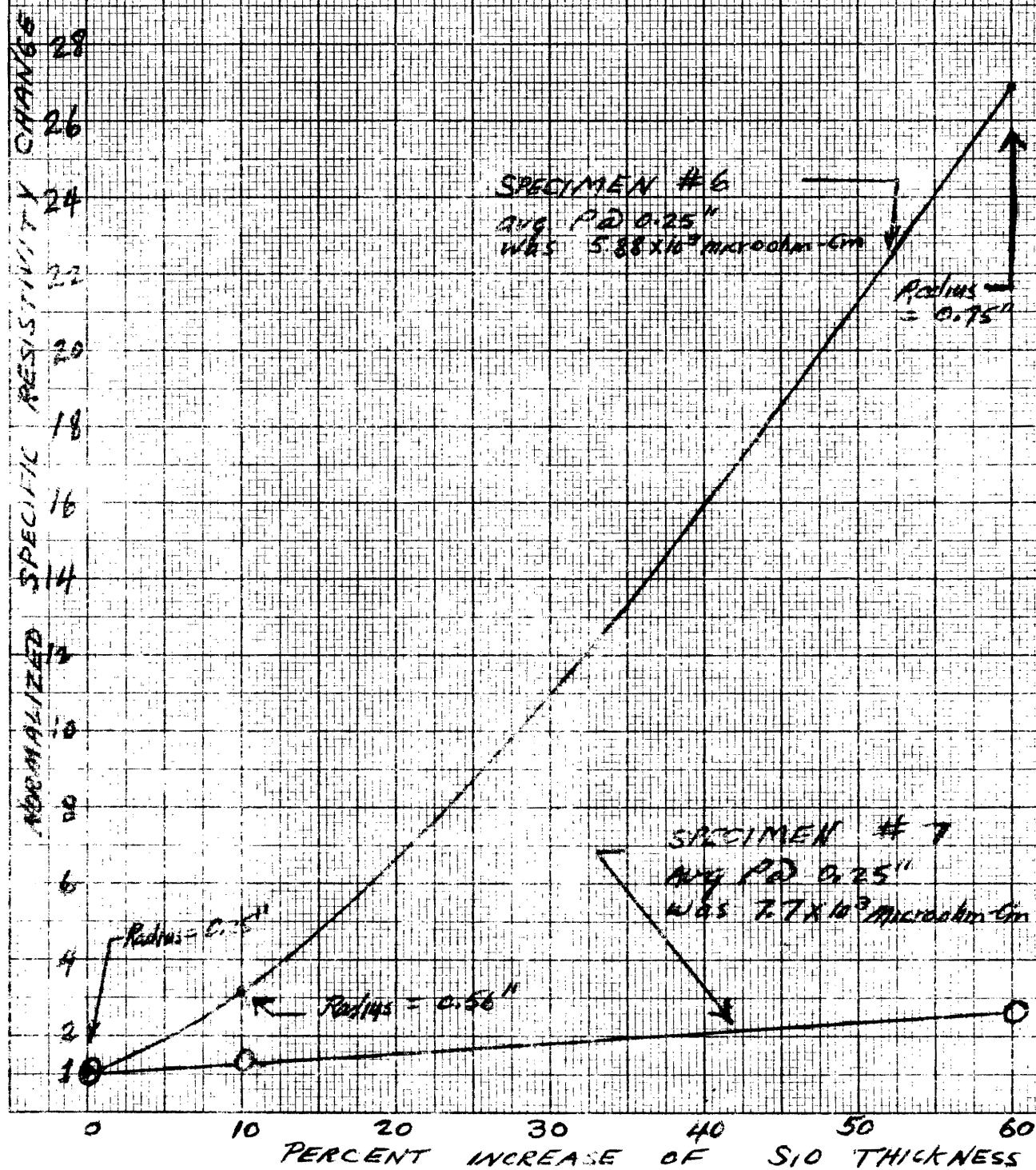
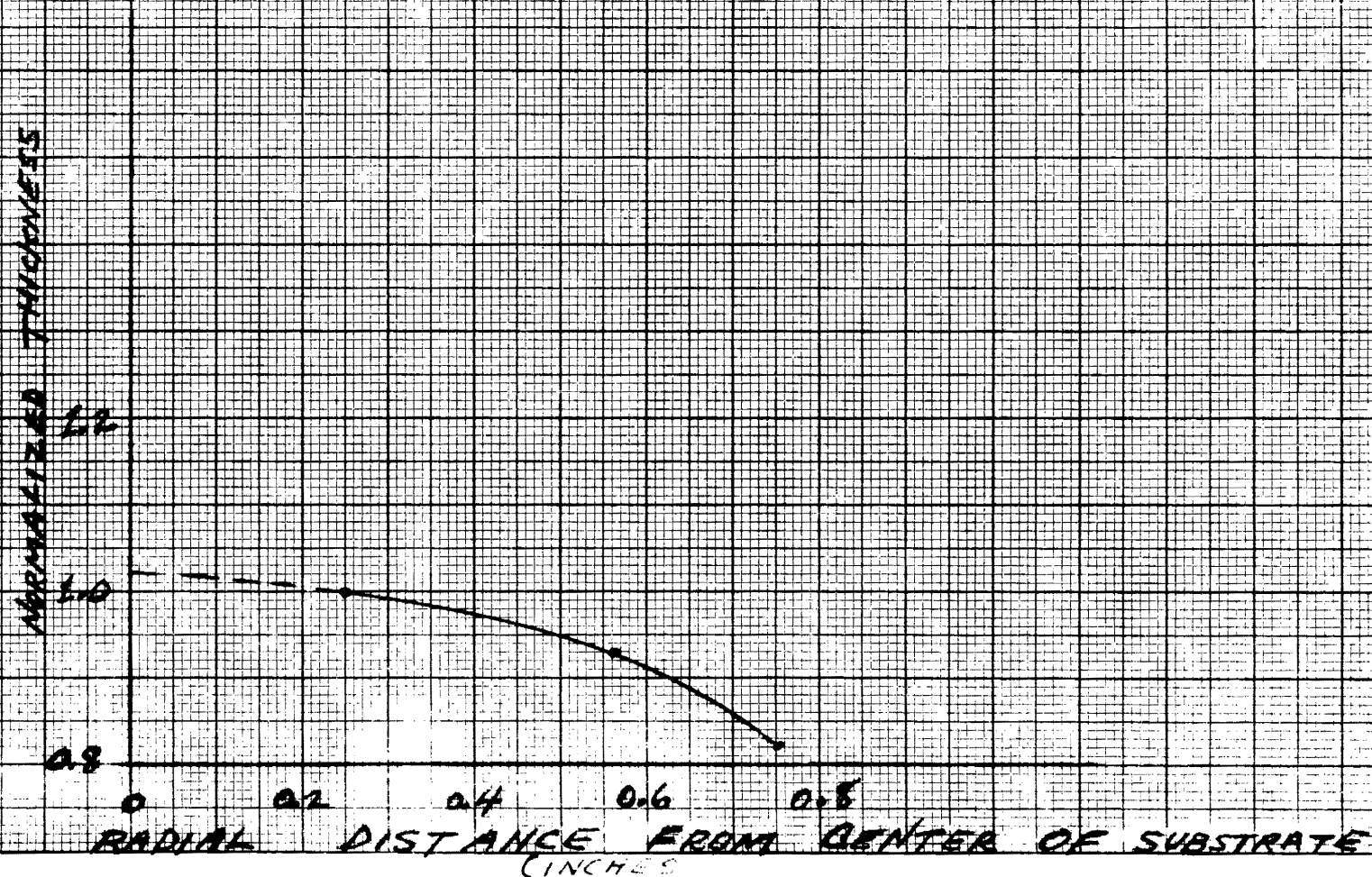


FIGURE 6

UNIFORMITY OF SiO FILMS
WITH A STOP BETWEEN
THE SUBSTRATE AND SOURCE

(SiO Source B)



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"Investigation to Improve Vacuum Evaporated
Thin Film Resistors," (Georgia Tech Project A-858)
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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Uniformity studies of chromium and silicon monoxide films deposited with the basic experimental source arrangement in Figure 1 of the previous Monthly Progress Letter No. 15 were continued. An additional diaphragm or stop with a 1" x 1" aperture was installed above the SiO source but below the chromium sources. Source to substrate geometry and stop location are sketched in Figure 1 of this report. Effects of the stop on uniformity of film thickness and resistivity were determined in a manner similar to that reported last month.

Average thickness variation obtained for SiO films deposited with the stopped source is shown in Figure 2-a. The increase in thickness of about 10 percent for a zero to 0.75 inches radius compares to an increase of 17 to 60 percent obtained for the source operated without a stop (see Figure 4-a of the previous monthly report). Hence, considerable improvement in SiO thickness uniformity was obtained with the stop.

Co-depositions of Cr and SiO were made with the SiO source stopped as in Figure 1. The lower curve of Figure 2-b shows the averaged variation in thickness obtained for these films. Comparing this curve with that of specimen No. 8 of Figure 4-b of the previous report, it can be seen that the decreasing thickness with increasing radius above 0.56 inches was in opposite sense to that obtained for the source operated without a stop.

This resulted in a lower overall thickness variation for the stopped source. The upper curve of Figure 2-b was the corresponding average variation in resistance with radius of resistance values of the six resistors on four 2" x 2" substrates. TCR values of these films were quite low in magnitude; both small positive and small negative values occurred on each substrate within the range of ± 100 ppm/degree centigrade; furthermore, the TCR values shifted in the negative sense with increasing radius. TCR values of such magnitude (negative) indicated a very low or in some cases an insignificant concentration of SiO in the films. Thus, it was apparent that major factors in addition to variations in SiO concentration were contributing to variations in resistivity over the substrate surface.

It was determined during the previous period that the thickness of Cr deposits were uniform within the accuracy of thickness measurement techniques. Hence, non-uniform heating of the substrate during deposition was suspected as having a primary influence on uniformity of resistivity and TCR values. To determine the significance of non-uniform annealing on uniformity of electrical characteristics over the substrate surface, measurements of resistance values were made of chromium film resistors deposited on room temperature substrates, substrates heated with a graphite cloth source (see Figure 4) to a reference temperature of 400°C, and substrates heated to a temperature corresponding to a temperature of 300 to 350°C of an aluminum plate in direct contact with the substrate. In the latter case the aluminum plate was heated with the graphite cloth source and the temperature of the aluminum plate was determined from a thermocouple clamped to the aluminum plate with a screw. The aluminum plate was equal in length and width to the substrate and was 1/8" thick. The graphite cloth substrate heater was used as the substrate heater for all previously fabricated Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO film resistors.

With the Cr sources spaced 1-3/4" apart, Cr deposits were made at each of the three substrate heating conditions; these results are shown in Figure 3. For specimen No. 12 the substrate was heated with the regular graphite cloth source to the reference temperature of 400°C; this corresponds to the substrate heating used on most of the previously fabricated specimens and those of Figure 2. The resistance variation as shown in Figure 3 is similar to that obtained for the Cr + SiO films in Figure 2-b. The corresponding average thickness variation obtained for specimen No. 12 is also shown in Figure 3; the 10 percent variation is within the error of measurements, and it cannot be said definitely that the point at the 0.25 radius is actually thicker than the other measured values. It is quite evident, however, that a large part of the variation in resistivity is independent of variation in film thickness. The remaining plots of the figure clearly show that non-uniform heating of the substrate is a primary factor contributing to the variation in resistivity of chromium resistors over a given substrate surface. The lowest variation in the averaged resistance of ± 2 percent was obtained for the substrates heated with the aluminum plate; whereas, the maximum variation from the mean value of resistance of the six resistors on each of these two substrates were ± 6.6 percent and ± 3.8

percent, respectively. For those substrates heated with the aluminum plate it appears that the temperature was still somewhat higher in the center of the substrates compared to the outer sections. Hence, a metal heater plate larger than the substrate in area will probably be required in order to obtain sufficiently uniform heating over the entire substrate surface.

In view of the improved uniformity of resistance obtained for the Cr films with the more uniform heating conditions, it is probable that similar results will occur for Cr + SiO cermet films; this leads to the conclusion that the resistivity variation of Cr + SiO films is less dependent on the SiO concentration than that reported in Figure 5 of the previous report. Hence, the extent of control on the evaporation rate of each of the dual sources will not be as acute as previously reported.

Attempts to evaporate refractory materials with the electron beam gun, as noted earlier, resulted in breakage of glass substrates from the excessive heat produced. Fused quartz substrates were ordered and obtained in the last 10 days. These will be used in future work with the electron beam gun.

A literature survey was made on the properties of metal borides and silicides. These materials are refractory and highly resistant to corrosion. The literature search revealed little information on films formed by evaporating the compounds. On the other hand, considerable information is available on films formed by vapor-deposition techniques and of the various compounds (references 1, 2, 3, and 4). The borides are metallic in nature and have low electrical resistivities and positive temperature coefficients of electrical resistance (1). Several compounds of the borides and silicides exhibit semiconducting properties. In general, however, most of the metal borides and silicides are metallic conductors with room temperature resistivities in the range 6-200 microhm-cm (3). The metal borides of the group IV metals are better electrical conductors than their respective components (4) in most cases. The electrical properties of several of these compounds are listed in references 1, 2, and 3.

The compounds silicon boride (B_4Si), niobium boride (NbB_2), nickel boride (Ni_2B), titanium boride (TiB_2), chromium silicide ($CrSi_2$), and titanium silicide ($TiSi_2$) have been ordered for prompt delivery. These materials were selected for evaporation with the electron gun apparatus. The selection was based primarily on reported vapor pressure characteristics, among other properties, of the respective constituents. At temperatures between 1200 and 1600°C, vapor pressures of Si and B are reported to be nearly equal and of a magnitude for practical evaporation in this temperature range; hence, silicon boride should be vaporized with little change in composition. No information has been found on the electrical characteristics of silicon boride.

The other compounds discussed are expected to have similar interesting properties of low TCR and relatively high R/\square and preliminary data concerning their electrical properties will be obtained in the next period.

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During the next period work will be conducted in the following research area.

1. Source design studies for co-evaporating Cr and SiO uniformly over large areas.
2. Deposition and examination films of the boride and silicide compounds.

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FIGURE 1
SOURCE TO SUBSTRATE GEOMETRY

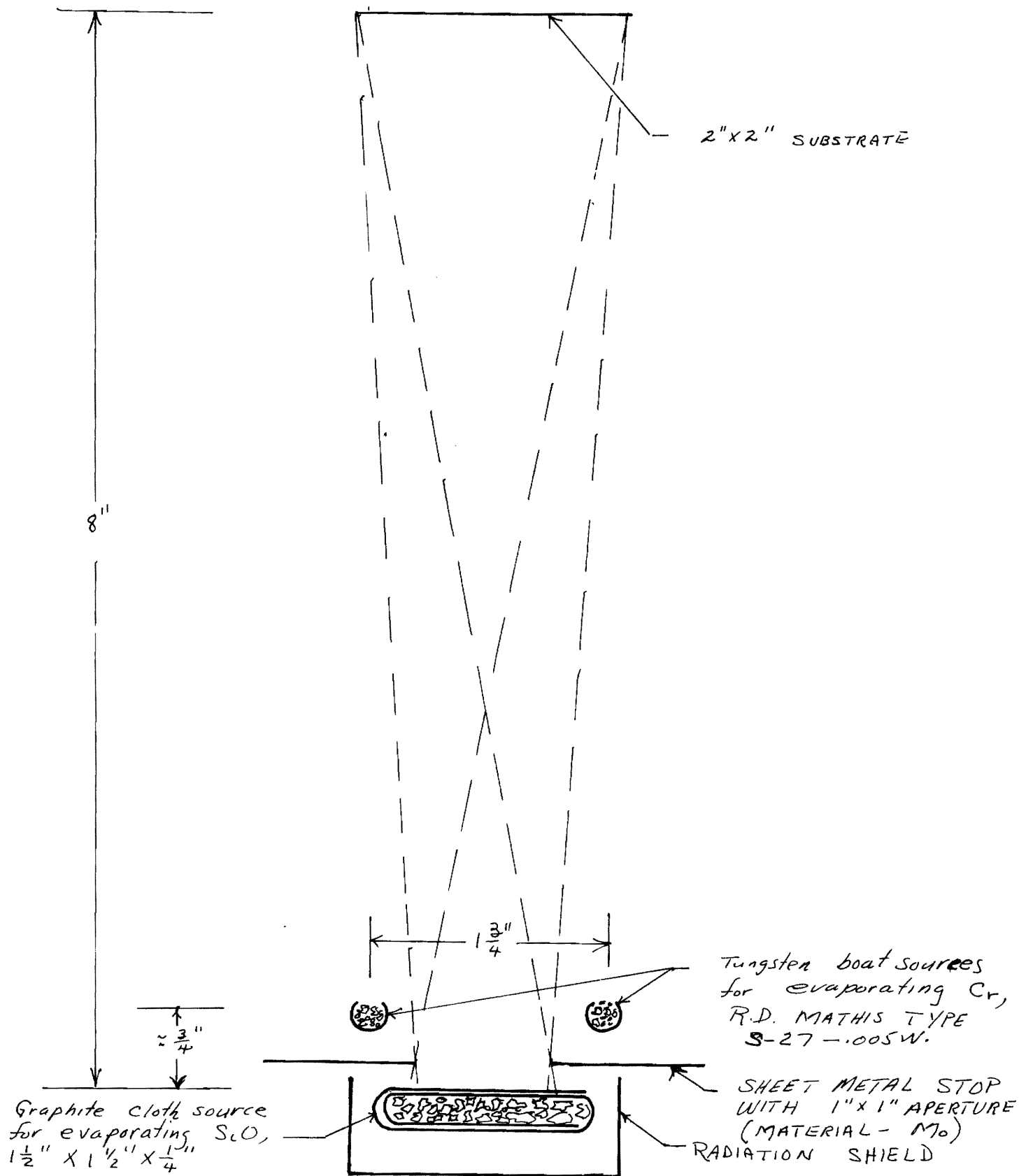


FIGURE 2

UNIFORMITY OF Cr, SiO₂, AND Cr+SiO₂ FILMS
DEPOSITED WITH THE STOPPED EXPERIMENTAL SOURCE OF FIGURE 1

Figure 2-a
Averaged Thickness Uniformity of
SiO₂ Films

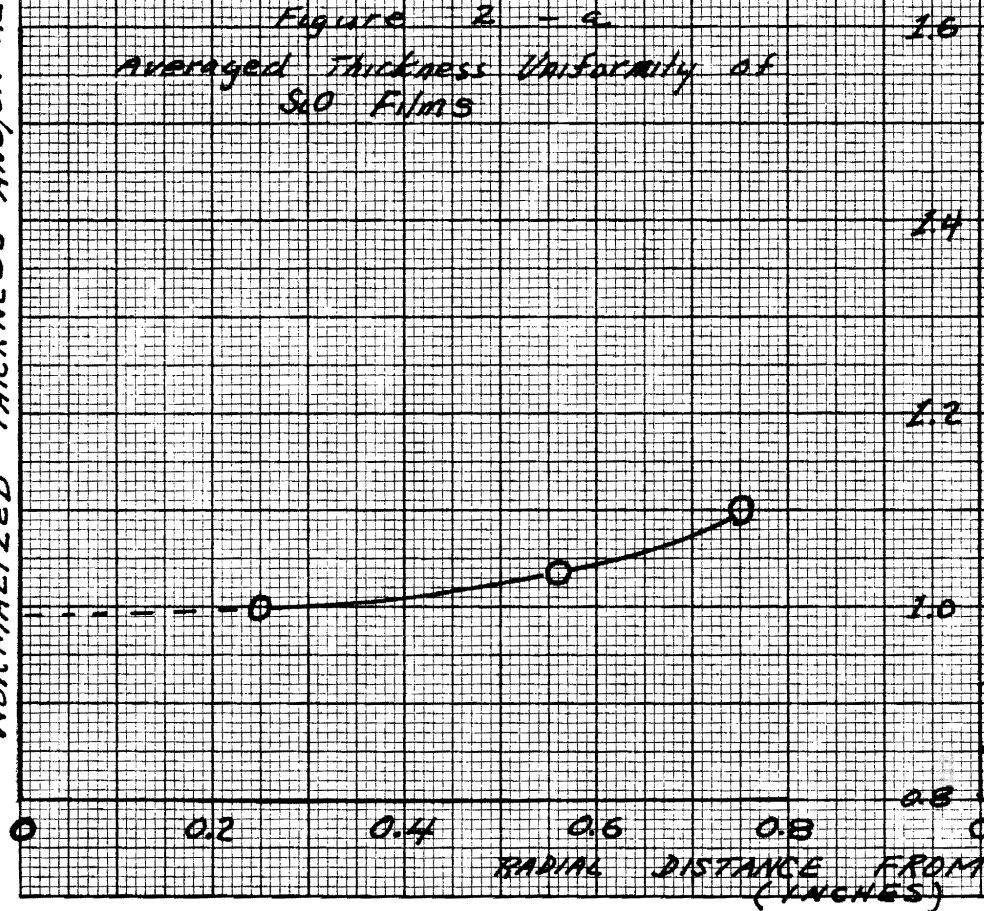


Figure 2-b
Uniformity of Averaged Thickness and
Resistance of Cr + SiO₂ Films

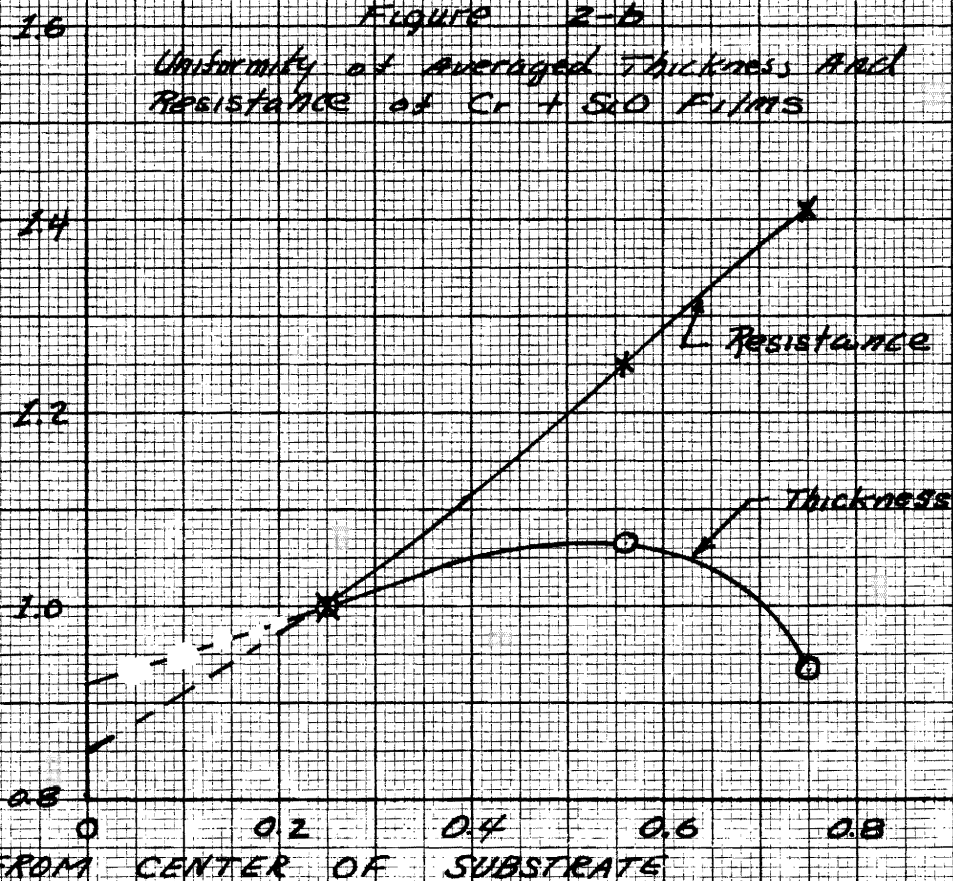
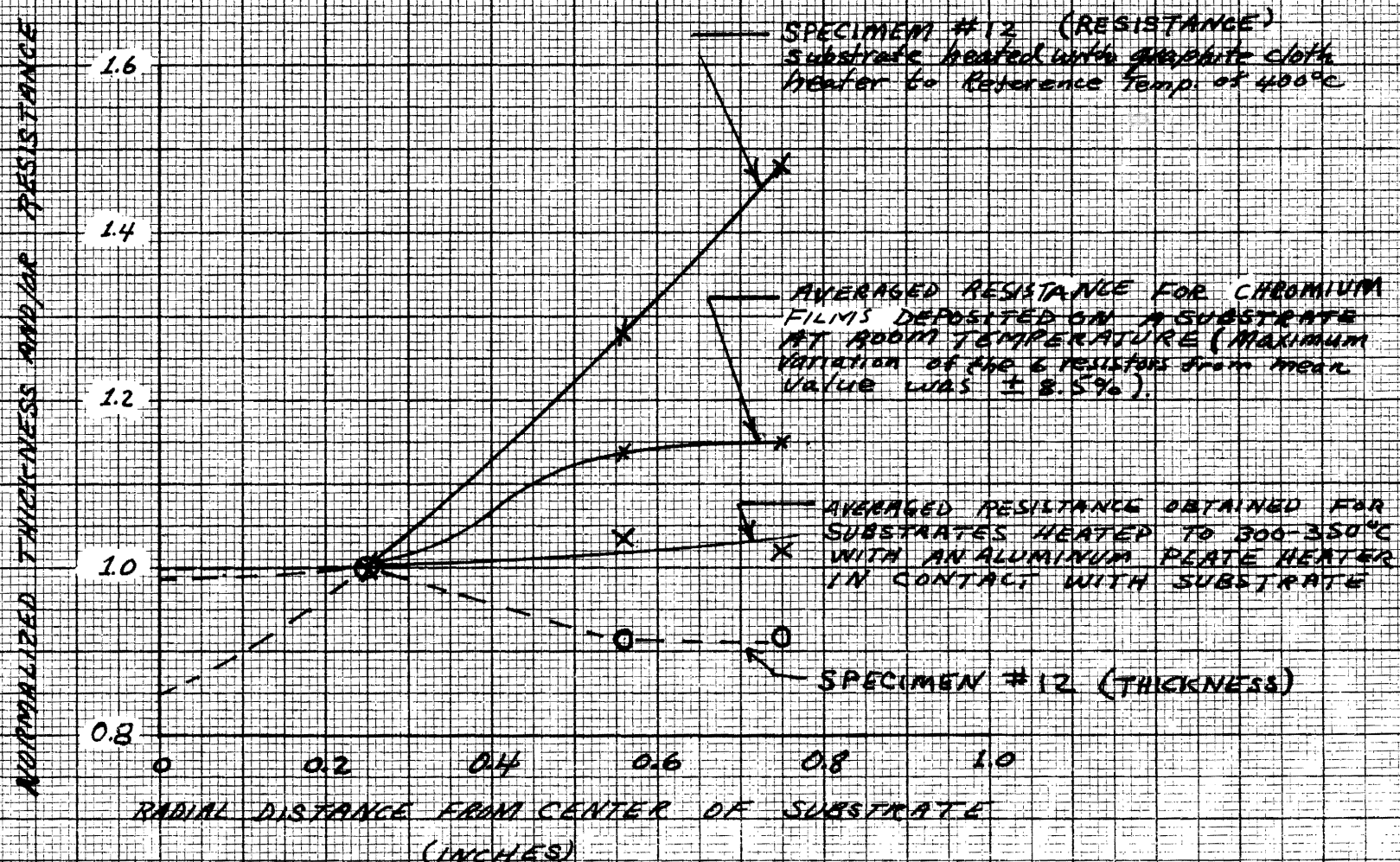


FIGURE 3

EFFECTS OF SUBSTRATE HEATING ON RESISTANCE OF CHROMIUM FILMS



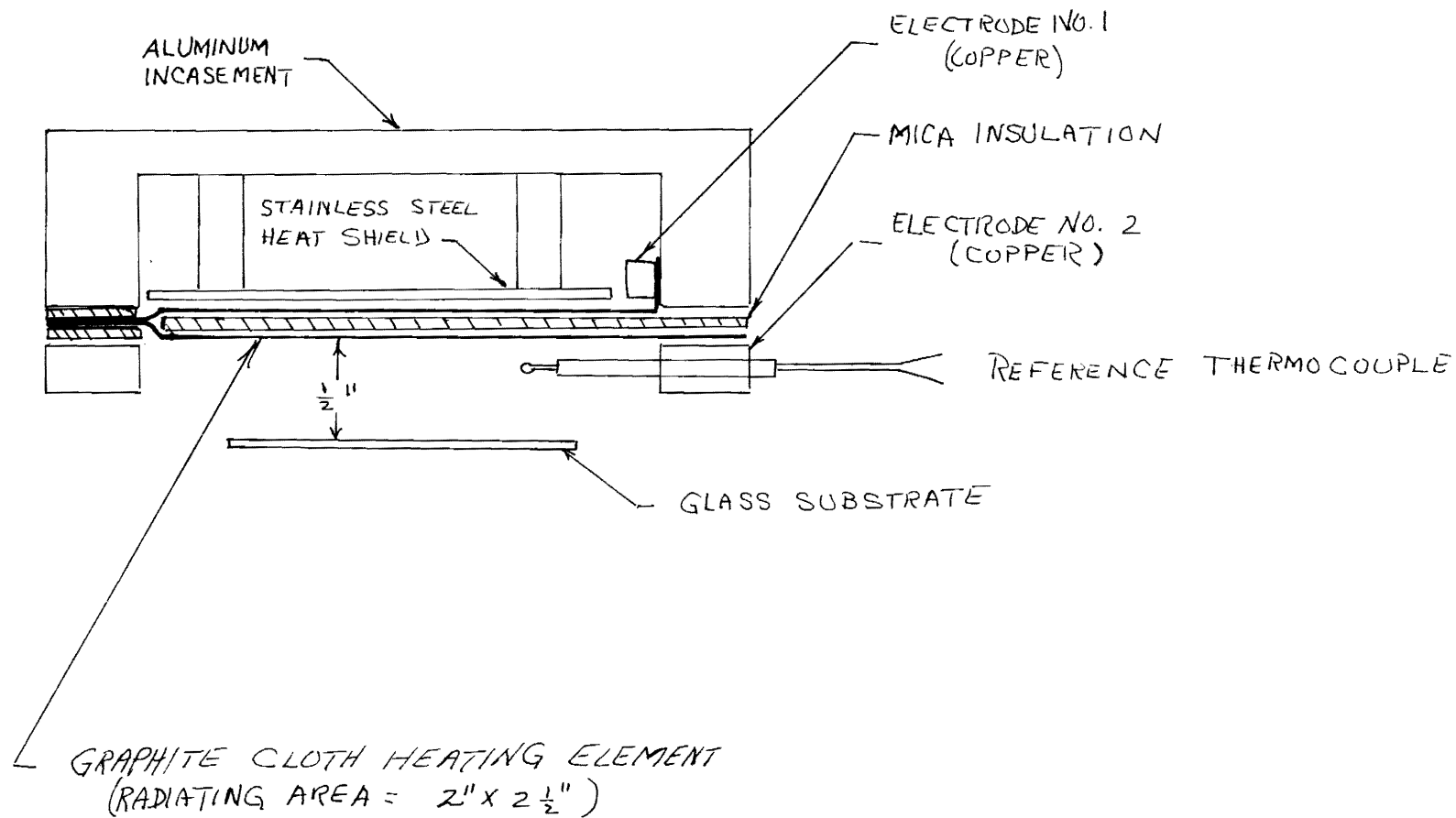


FIGURE 4 SUBSTRATE HEATING ASSEMBLY



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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Experiments with the previously described source for the evaporation of chromium-silicon monoxide cermet films were continued. Silicide and boride compounds ordered during the preceding period were received. Studies of these compounds were initiated with CrSi_2 . Remaining compounds of these species on hand are B_4Si , TiSi_2 , NbB_2 , Ni_2B , and TiB_2 .

With the source and source to substrate geometry of Figure 1* of the previous monthly report and with an aluminum plate substrate heater to provide uniform substrate heating, maximum variation of resistivity of chromium films was ± 6.6 percent for the 6 resistors of Figure 3 of monthly letter 15. In those studies, the chromium sources were spaced $1\text{-}3/4$ " apart. During this period chromium depositions were made with the respective chromium source spacings of 1, $1\text{-}3/4$, and $2\text{-}1/2$ " between them. No significant difference in variation of film resistivity over a $3/4$ " substrate radius was obtained for the respective spacings. A maximum variation in resistivity of ± 7 percent over the $3/4$ " substrate radius was obtained for each condition. In each case the $2" \times 2"$ substrate was heated with the aluminum plate substrate heater equal in length and width to the substrate. Co-depositions of Cr and SiO were made with the source arrangement using a chromium source spacing of $1\text{-}3/4$ " and the aluminum heater.

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TCR values of the films were about $-6 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$; from this, the resistivity values were estimated at 15,000/ $\Omega\text{-cm}$. The variation in resistivity obtained for resistors 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Figure 3 in monthly letter 15 was ± 3.5 percent. Remaining resistors on the substrate were broken before measurements were completed. Further co-depositions of the material will be required for a complete evaluation of uniformity of the cermet films.

Chromium silicide film resistors were deposited by evaporating the compound CrSi_2 from tungsten boats at bell jar pressures of about 1×10^{-5} torr. The material was sublimated at boat temperatures in the range 1300 to 1400°C which is slightly below the melting point of 1425°C . At the sublimation temperatures, some reaction of the evaporant with the tungsten boat occurred and a 5 mil thick boat was destroyed after 5 evaporations. At the melting point and above, the compound destroyed the tungsten boat rapidly; hence, evaporations from tungsten could not be made at temperatures above the melting point. The parameters of the chromium silicide films deposited are listed in Table 1. The substrate temperatures of specimens 1 through 3 were in the range of 375 to 450°C . Substrate temperatures during deposition of the remaining films were in the range of 275 to 350°C . Specimens CrSi_2 - 1, 2, and 3 were deposited in 1-1/2, 1, and 3 minute periods, respectively. A 10 minute deposition period was used for specimens CrSi_2 - 4, 5, 6, and 7. All of the substrates were Corning type 7059 glass. For analytical purposes, an electron microscope grid was coated simultaneously with deposition of each resistor slide.

The composition of the resistors CrSi_2 -1 through 5 as determined by electron diffraction methods was Cr_3Si . Grids coated with each specimen were analyzed. According to reference (1) CrSi_2 is a semiconductor. The fact that films deposited from the compound show metallic conduction properties is further evidence that the films are of different composition than the evaporant.

A complete set of data was obtained for the first two specimens. As can be seen in Table 1, the resistivity of the thinner film (320 Å) was 615 microhm-cm. The thicker film had a specific resistivity of 332 microhm-cm and was 1350 Å thick. The respective TCR values were $-0.362 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $+1.05 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. Thus the magnitude of the TCR is small for the resistivity range of 332 to 615 microhm-cm. The resistivity of the chromium silicide films (Cr_3Si) is about an order of magnitude higher than that usually reported for pure tantalum films deposited by diode sputtering techniques.

TCR values of the seven Cr_3Si film resistors ranged from $(-7.44$ to $+1.25) \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The negative values were obtained for the thinner films and longer deposition periods. It appears that slow deposition resulted in shifting TCR values in the negative direction. Thickness measurements will have to be made on the remaining films to determine any effects of deposition rate;

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it appears that the Cr_3Si films show a greater rate of change of TCR with oxidation during deposition than do the elemental metal films studied earlier with the possible exception of copper.

Specimens 1 and 2 were aged at 125°C and 150°C in air for 28 and 2 hours respectively. The thinner specimen, CrSi_2 -1, increased in resistance by 1.7 percent, and the thicker specimen decreased by 0.53 percent. It is expected that baking the chromium silicide films in air at about 300°C will provide satisfactory stability. It may be concluded that relatively high resistivity films (300 to 1000 microhm-cm) with TCR values in the range of ± 200 ppm can feasibly be obtained from chromium silicide films.

The seven chromium silicide resistors on glass were given to the analytical laboratory for further analysis by electron microscope techniques; these data will be included in the final report. When the specimens are returned, the resistivity data of Table 1 will be completed.

During the next period, we expect to complete the experimental phase of the project. We will obtain as much resistivity data as possible on the silicide and boride compounds on hand.

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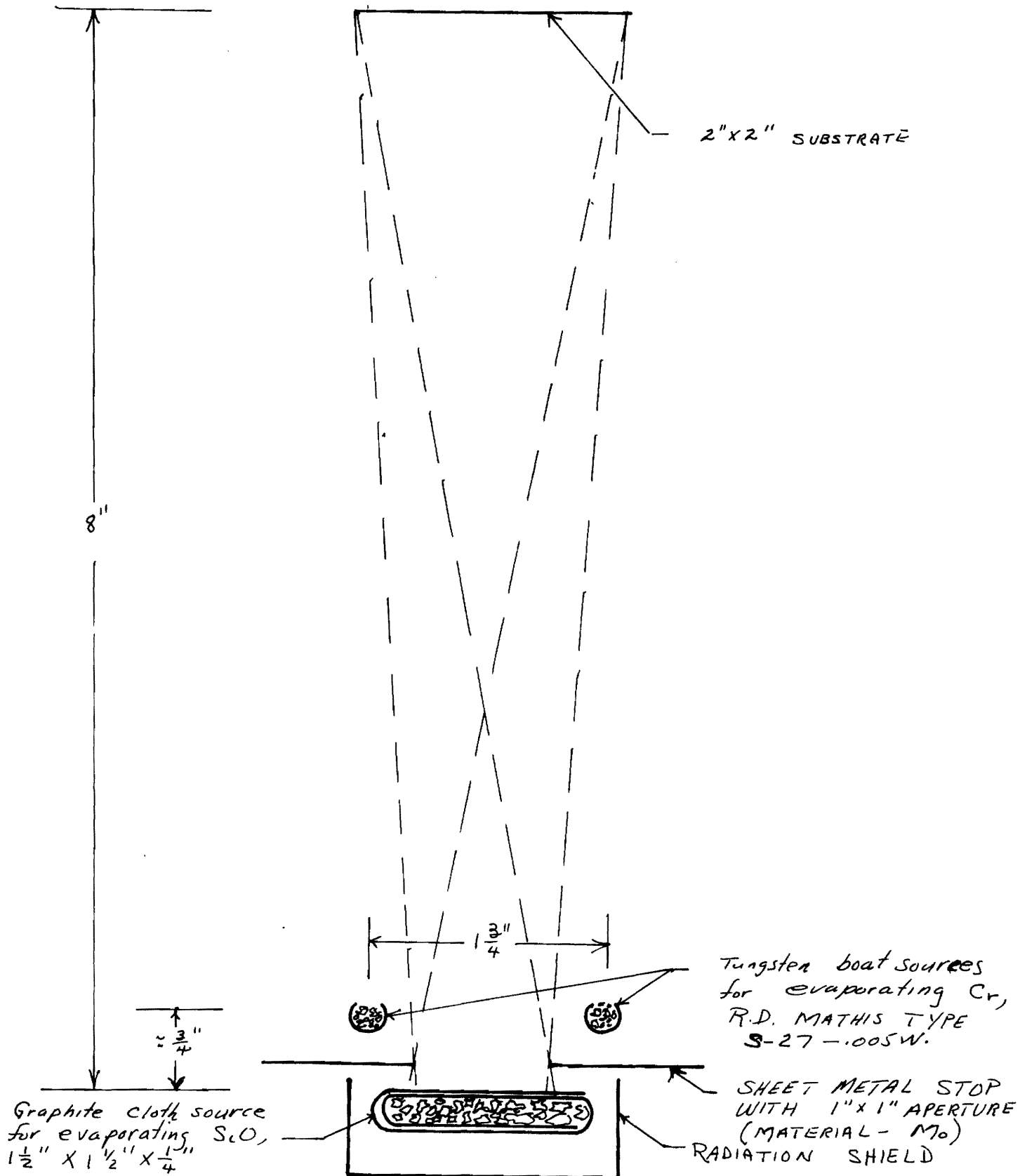
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TABLE I
PARAMETERS OF CHROMIUM SILICIDE FILMS

| SPECIMEN | FILM COMPOSITION | FILM THICKNESS (Å) | RESISTANCE @ Room Temp. (Ω) | RESISTANCE PER SQUARE (Ω) | SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (μΩ cm) | T. C. R (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | REMARKS |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| CrSi ₂ - 1 | Cr ₃ Si | 320 | 192.2 | 192.2 | 615 | -0.362 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 2 | Cr ₃ Si | 1350 | 24.65 | 24.65 | 332 | +1.05 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 3 | Cr ₃ Si | est. with eye to be less than 1000 Å | 352 | 352 | | -5.77 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 4 | Cr ₃ Si | 11 | 53.32 | — | | +0.588 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 5 | Cr ₃ Si | — | 32.02 | 32.02 | | +1.25 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 6 | | est. with eye to be less than 1000 Å | 315.1 | 315.1 | | -4.22 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 7 | | " | 384.1 | 384.1 | | -7.44 | |
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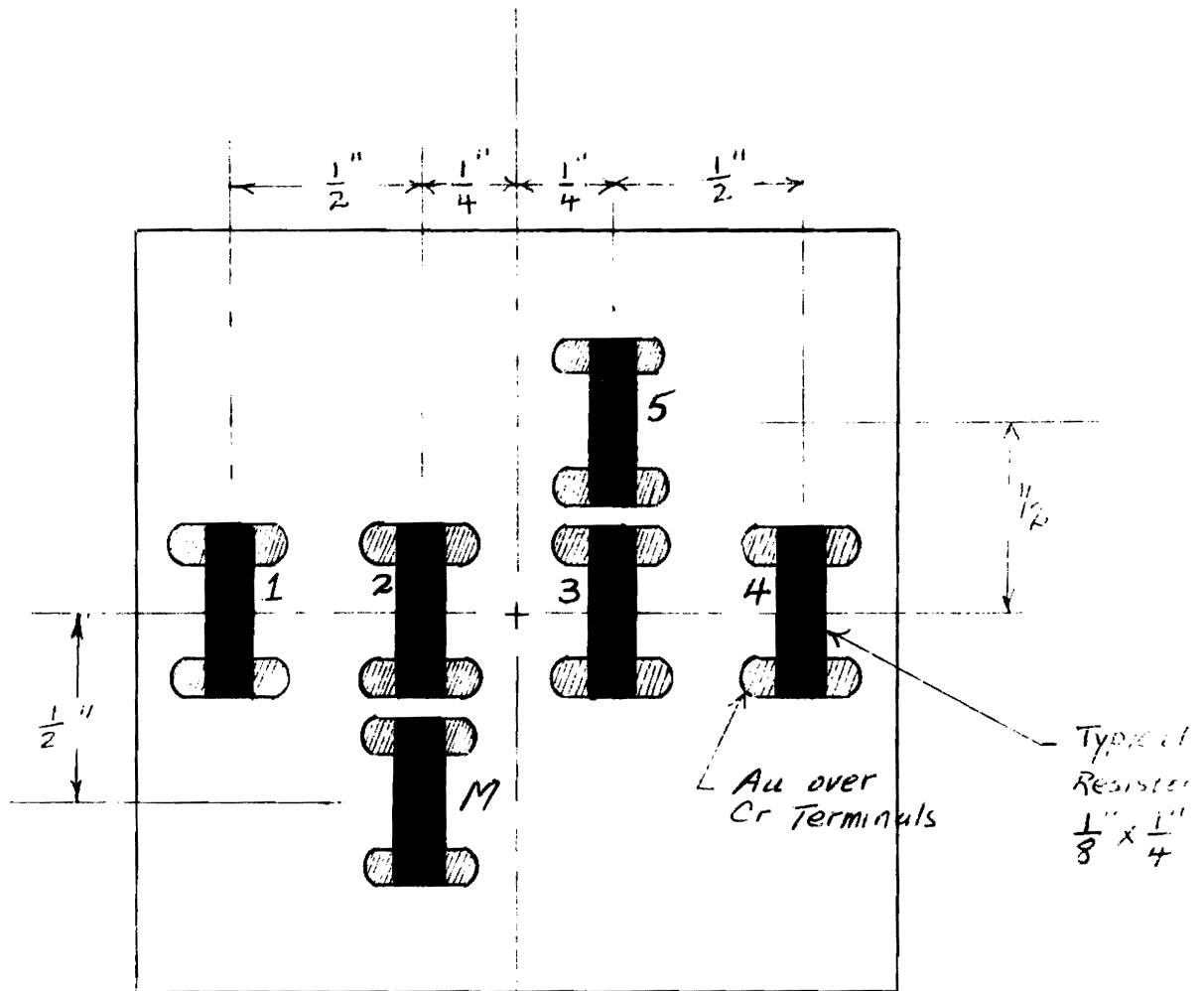
FIGURE 1
SOURCE TO SUBSTRATE GEOMETRY



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FIGURE 3

RESISTOR LAYOUT ON
2" x 2" SUBSTRATE



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The purpose of this research is to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The materials shall be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

Studies were conducted to determine the resistive properties of boride and silicide films deposited by evaporation of the compounds CrSi_2 , B_4Si , TiSi_2 , NbB_2 , and Ni_2B . Aging studies of selected specimens were initiated.

Two additional chromium silicide resistors, CrSi_2 -8 and -9, were fabricated. These were evaporated in the manner described in Monthly Letter No. 17. The two films were formed at the highest practicable evaporation rate for the tungsten boat used. The TCR values of CrSi_2 -8 and -9 were $+2.29 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $+0.594 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$, respectively. A resistivity of 246 microhm-cm was obtained for CrSi_2 -8; this was the lowest resistivity obtained for the chromium silicide series. Resistivity data are listed in Table I. The lower resistivity and higher TCR values (more positive) were obtained for films where the evaporation of the CrSi_2 was conducted at just below its melting point. The higher resistivities and lower TCR values (more negative) were obtained at slightly lower evaporation temperatures. As indicated in Table I and reported previously, composition of the deposited films was Cr_3Si . Thus, partial distillation effects occurred at the source.

Twelve titanium silicide resistors were fabricated by evaporating the compound TiSi_2 from a tungsten boat. Evaporations were made at boat temperatures in the range of 1400 to 1600°C. Sublimation of the compound occurred at boat temperatures in this range. At higher boat temperatures excessive spitting of the evaporant occurred. Parameters of the deposited films are listed in Table I. Titanium silicide resistors with TCR values

in the range of $-10.3 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $-3.61 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ were deposited by evaporating at boat temperatures of about 1500 to 1600 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. The more negative values were obtained with boat temperatures of about 1400 to 1500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Electron diffraction analysis of the first 10 films indicated a film composition of TiSi_2 plus free Si. Similar analysis of TiSi_2 -11 and -12 indicated that these films were composed primarily of TiSi_2 . The highest evaporation rate was used for the latter two films. It is apparent that partial distillation of the compound occurred at the source resulting in silicon enrichment of the deposited film and that the film properties approached bulk properties of the evaporant as the boat temperature was increased. Due to excessive spitting of the TiSi_2 powder, attempts to melt and evaporate the evaporant at the melting point or above with an electron beam gun were unsuccessful.

Evaporations of Nickel Boride, Ni_2B , were made from tungsten boats. The evaporant was in the form of chunks ranging from small pellets to a nominal diameter of $3/8$ inches. The evaporant melted at a boat temperature of about 1100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. According to (1), the melting point of Ni_2B is 1050 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Specimen Ni_2B -1 was evaporated at temperatures near the melting point, and the evaporation rate was slow which resulted in a very thin film as indicated in Table I. Specimens Ni_2B -2 and 3 were evaporated at boat temperatures exceeding 1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ but less than 1500 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Electron diffraction analysis of grids coated simultaneously with the resistors indicated a composition of nickel. As indicated in Table I, the resistivity values were relatively low, and the TCR values were relatively high. Boat temperatures higher than that used will be required to obtain nickel boride films by evaporating Ni_2B .

Niobium boride film resistors were deposited by evaporating the compound NbB_2 from a massive copper crucible using an electron beam gun to heat the evaporant. Ten resistors NbB_2 -1 thru 10 were fabricated by this method of evaporation. Glass substrates, Corning type 7059, were used for specimens #1 and #2. Polished quartz substrates were used for the remaining specimens. The substrates were heated to 250 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ before initiating the evaporation process. Deposition periods of 10 minutes in length were used for the first eight specimens in the series. Specimens #9 and #10 were deposited in three minutes. According to reference (2), the resistivity of NbB_2 is 65.5 microhm-cm, and the compound has a positive temperature coefficient of resistance. Except for specimen NbB_2 -9, resistivity of the above niobium boride films ranged from 1.03×10^7 to 1×10^6 microhm-cm with highly negative temperature coefficients of resistance, see Table I. Even though electron diffraction analysis of the films are incomplete, it is suspected that distillation effects resulted in boron enriched films. In Table I, it can be seen that the TCR values shifted in a positive direction with increasing evaporant temperature corresponding to increasing electron beam power used to heat the evaporant. In order to obtain niobium boride films with small TCR values by this technique of evaporation, it is indicated that evaporant temperatures exceeding 2300 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ will be required. The electron beam power fluctuated considerably during these evaporations. In order to obtain

control on the resistivity of films deposited by this method, precise control of the electron beam power will be necessary. It was interesting to note that the films of the first 8 specimens in the niobium boride series exhibited transparency to great thickness ranges. For example, NbB₂-1 and 2 had a thickness of 2,325 and 3,480 Angstroms, respectively, and² to the naked eye showed a transparency similar to that normally observed for pure metal films of a thickness of about 1000 Angstroms. Pure metal films become opaque at a thickness of about 1500 Angstroms.

Specific resistivity versus TCR characteristics obtained for titanium silicide, chromium silicide, and niobium boride films are shown in Figure 1. Low magnitudes of TCR were obtained at resistivity values of about 1×10^3 microhm-cm for both titanium silicide and chromium silicide films. Table I reveals that TCR values of titanium silicide films are slightly more negative than those of chromium silicide films for a given resistivity near 1×10^3 microhm-cm.

Evidence indicated that the titanium silicide and niobium boride films had a higher percentage of their respective semiconductor component than that of the parent evaporant. The opposite condition was true for the chromium silicide films. The extent of distillation that occurred in each case was dependent on the evaporant and/or source temperature, and the resistivity of the deposited films appeared to depend primarily on the extent of distillation that occurred. From experience obtained during the evaporation of these compounds by both electron beam techniques and by resistance heated tungsten boats, the electron beam method is preferable; however, deposition rate or electron beam power controllers will be required to obtain adequate reproducibility of film characteristics in production efforts.

Aging studies of specimens selected from the chromium silicide, titanium silicide, and niobium boride series were initiated. Unprotected resistors and resistors baked in air at 300°C were stored in a 125°C oven to observe subsequent stability with time. For resistivities in the range of 350 to 2000 microhm-cm the oxidation resistance and stability of the chromium silicide resistors are superior to those of the titanium silicide resistors. During a 300°C air bake for 7 hours, the resistance of titanium silicide resistors increased by an average of 28 percent compared to an average increase of 9 percent for the chromium silicide resistors. One of three chromium silicide resistors baked at 300°C decreased in resistance value by 0.5 percent. Both the unprotected and post-baked chromium silicide resistors have shown very low aging in air at 125°C. After storage at 125°C for 360 hours, the unprotected chromium silicide films decreased in resistance by an average of 0.9 percent; the post-baked resistors were slightly better, increasing in resistance by an average of only 0.3 percent during the same period. The post-baked titanium silicide films after 215 hours of aging at 125°C appear to be aging at a rate about equal to the post-bake chromium silicide films; however, the unprotected titanium films have increased in value by 12 percent during this period. None of the titanium silicide films with resistivities exceeding 2000 microhm-cm were subjected to aging.

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The niobium boride films have aged relatively poorly. The resistance of films with resistivities in the range of 10^5 to 10^6 microhm-cm increased an average of 125 percent during post-deposition baking at 300°C for 3 hours in air, and subsequent increases in value of 5 percent were obtained after aging for only 70 hours at 125°C . Niobium boride films of similar resistivities but unprotected have increased in resistance on the average by 2 percent after 70 hours at 125°C ; lower resistivity specimens of this series may show better aging characteristics.

From the initial aging results the chromium silicide and post-baked titanium silicide films are showing very low aging that compares favorably with that obtained for chromium-silicon monoxide films discussed in previous reports. Aging behavior of the chromium silicide films is very similar to that observed earlier for Cr + SiO films of similar resistivity. However, for a given TCR value in the range of -500 to $+500$ ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$ the resistivity values of the chromium-silicon monoxide films were greater by about $1\frac{1}{2}$ orders of magnitude than that obtained for either series of the silicide films.

From the stand-points of ease of fabrication, stability and resistivity versus TCR characteristics near 1×10^3 microhm-cm, the chromium silicide films at this point of the study are superior to the titanium silicide films for resistor application.

The electron beam apparatus was employed to evaporate silicon boride (B_4Si). A relatively thick film was deposited; it was transparent and had a yellowish to brownish appearance. An infinite resistance was obtained with ohm meter probes applied to the film surface. Hence, this material is not applicable to resistor fabrication. The film showed considerable resistance to scratching with a steel point; however, the hardness and adherence was not as good as that usually experienced with SiO films.

Preparation of the final report on this project is under way. A more comprehensive coverage of aging and structural characteristics of the various films will be included in the final report.

The remainder of the Contract will be devoted to completing measurements now under way, analyzing data, and writing the final report.

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SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY VERSUS T.C.R. OF BORIDE AND SILICIDE FILMS

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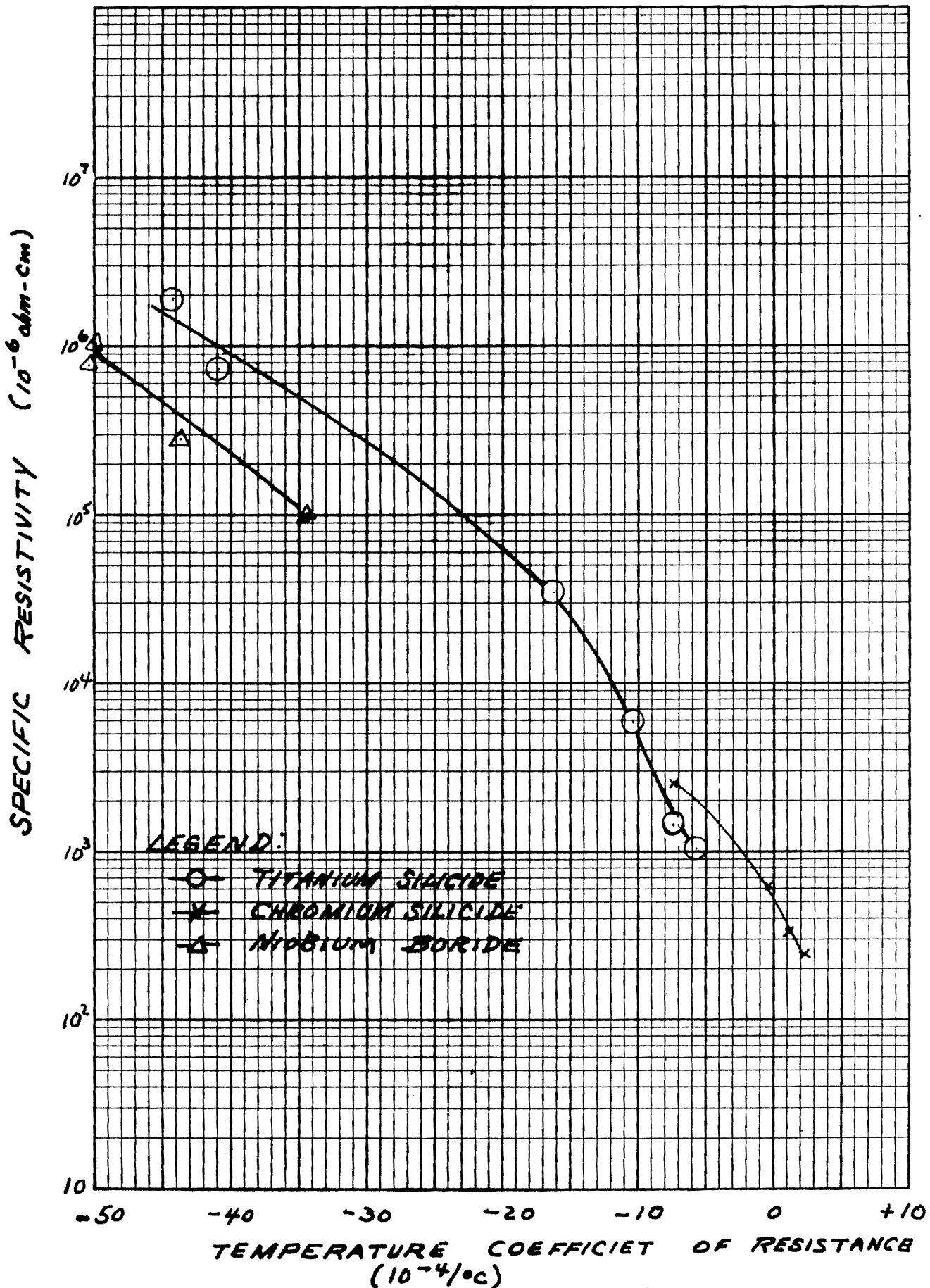


FIGURE 1

TABLE I

PARAMETERS OF BORIDE AND SILICIDE FILMS

| SPECIMEN | EVAPORATION SOURCE | EVAPORANT COMPOSITION | FILM COMPOSITION (B) | FILM THICKNESS (A) | RESISTANCE @ ROOM TEMP. (Ω) | RESISTANCE PER SQUARE (Ω) | SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY ($\mu\Omega\text{cm}$) | T.C.R. ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | REMARKS |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| CrSi_2 - 1 | W-boat | CrSi_2 -200,+300 mesh | Cr_3Si | 320 | 192.2 | 192.2 | 615 | -0.362 | (1) subject to considerable error because |
| CrSi_2 - 2 | " | " | Cr_3Si | 1350 | 24.65 | 24.65 | 332 | +1.05 | of poor edge definition for thickness meas. |
| CrSi_2 - 3 | " | " | Cr_3Si | | 352 | 352 | | -5.77 | (2) Evaporant evaporated from a Copper |
| CrSi_2 - 4 | " | " | Cr_3Si | | 53.32 | — | — | +0.588 | crucible with electron beam gun |
| CrSi_2 - 5 | " | " | Cr_3Si | | 32.02 | 32.02 | | +1.25 | at indicated beam power. |
| CrSi_2 - 6 | " | " | | | 315.1 | 315.1 | | -4.22 | (3) Composition indicated by electron |
| CrSi_2 - 7 | " | " | | 700 | 384.1 | 384.1 | 2.69×10^3 | -7.44 | detractor analysis of grid coated |
| CrSi_2 - 8 | " | " | | 1900 | 12.93 | 12.93 | 246 | +2.29 | simultaneously with resistive film. |
| CrSi_2 - 9 | " | " | | | 53.71 | 53.71 | | +0.594 | |
| TiSi_2 - 1 | " | TiSi_2 -200,325 mesh | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 1060 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,716. | 2,716. | ⁽¹⁾ 3.45×10^4 | -16.3 | |
| TiSi_2 - 2 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 250 | 3.8×10^6 | 3.8×10^6 | 9.5×10^6 | -63.6 | |
| TiSi_2 - 3 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 542 | 6.56×10^6 | 6.56×10^6 | 3.06×10^7 | -65 | |
| TiSi_2 - 4 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 584 | 123,650 | 123,650 | 7.22×10^5 | -41 | |
| TiSi_2 - 5 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 773 | 243,810 | 243,810 | 1.89×10^6 | -44.2 | |
| TiSi_2 - 6 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 780 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 1.05×10^3 | -5.76 | |
| TiSi_2 - 7 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 365 | 429.2 | 429.2 | 1.57×10^3 | -7.36 | |
| TiSi_2 - 8 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | 374 | 1605.9 | 1605.9 | 6.12×10^3 | -10.3 | |
| TiSi_2 - 9 | " | " | | | 135.1 | 135.1 | | -5.85 | |
| TiSi_2 - 10 | " | " | $\text{Si} + \text{TiSi}_2$ | | 148.8 | 148.8 | | -7.5 | |
| TiSi_2 - 11 | " | " | TiSi_2 | | 41.32 | 41.32 | | -3.61 | |
| TiSi_2 - 12 | " | " | TiSi_2 | | 109.7 | 109.7 | | -5.13 | |
| Ni_2B - 1 | " | Ni_2B Pellet | Primarily Ni | <100 | 3003. | 3,003. | $< 3 \times 10^3$ | -2.12 | |
| Ni_2B - 2 | " | " | Primarily Ni | 405 | 10.47 | 10.47 | 42.4 | +15.4 | |
| Ni_2B - 3 | " | " | Ni only | 350 | 16.76 | 16.76 | 58.7 | +16.5 | |

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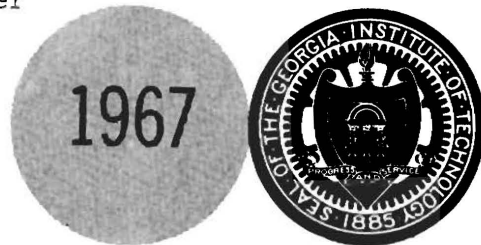
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to develop a stable thin film resistor material of high resistivity and low TCR, reproducibly depositable by vacuum evaporation methods. Films of the classes metal, metal-metal oxide, metal-silicon monoxide, metal nitrides, silicides, and borides have been prepared and examined for electrical and structural properties. Materials included have been Gd, Ti, Tm, V, and Zr; Al + SiO, Cr + SiO, Cu + SiO, and Mn + SiO; Ta₂O₅, TiO, TiO₂, V₂O₅, and ZrO₂; NbN and TiN; CrSi₂ and TiSi₂; B₄Si, NbB₂, Ni₂B, and TiB₂; and mixtures of CrSi₂ with TiSi₂ and with B₄Si. Some 758 films of the various materials were examined with resistivities and TCR values respectively in the range 100 to 10⁷ microhm-cm and 2200 x 10⁻⁶/°C to -6000 x 10⁻⁶/°C. Plots of TCR versus resistivity for the respective materials generally gave a straight line of steep slope through the region near zero TCR; and for most materials either resistivity or TCR values could be approximated from a known value of the other. Chromium + silicon monoxide proved to be the most desirable material examined from the standpoint of high resistivity (10,000 microhm-cm), low TCR (± 200 ppm/°C), and stability at 125°C (aging < 1% in 1000 hrs). Zirconium-zirconium oxide yielded about 2500 microhm-cm with low TCR but poorer aging qualities. CrSi₂ and (CrSi₂ + TiSi₂) yielded resistivities of about 1600 and 3600 microhm-cm, respectively, with low TCR (-440 ppm/°C) and good stability.

The principal fault with Cr + SiO is the difficulty in control of its co-evaporation with single or dual source arrangements. The greatest reproducibility was obtained with a dual source arrangement by manually controlling the current of each source. Satisfactory reproducibility can be expected with instrumented servo control of source temperatures and vapor outputs. With the dual source, a diaphragm was used to an advantage on one of the sources to decrease the dispersion of film resistivity to $\pm 10\%$ over a 2" x 2" substrate area. Uniformity of substrate heating appeared as an additional variable affecting uniformity of film resistivity over large glass surfaces and suggests that suitable substrates of high heat conductivity may be used to an advantage to decrease variation in resistivity. The importance of the CrSi₂ is that it exhibits excellent stability and can be evaporated from a single source to produce films of greater resistivity than some currently used metal films. The resistivity of the zirconium-zirconium oxide combination and the stabilizing influence of SiO suggests that Zr + SiO would be a fruitful material to examine.

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the research under Contract No. NAS8-20072 was to develop a resistor material of high resistance per square, low temperature coefficient of resistance, and high stability with respect to time and temperature. The desired material would be easily and reproducibly deposited by vacuum evaporation methods.

The use of thin films for forming passive elements in hybrid micro-electronic circuits has lead to high reliability and greater flexibility in circuit design. Thin film resistive elements, for instance, provide a range of resistor values which exceeds that which can be achieved readily by doping of the semiconductor material used in integrated circuitry. In addition, the inter-element capacitance can be less in deposited circuitry than that in integrated circuitry where reverse-biased junctions provide the isolation between elements.

In the application of thin film resistive materials, one is most often confronted with problems in fabrication methods and in the reproducibility of these methods. Much of the difficulty can be attributed to minute details in the techniques which are not usually given proper attention. A rather complete description of the fabrication methods and procedures used during the contract is included as a major section of this report.

The exploration of materials for thin film resistive elements necessarily involved the examination of many metals, metal oxides and cermets. The selection of the deposition parameters for each material and the evaluation of the resultant films constituted the major part of the contract effort.

During the first three months of the contract a large number of films of titanium and zirconium deposited at various pressures of residual oxygen and at various evaporation rates were examined. These preliminary investigations which were conducted concurrently with the development of fabrication techniques indicated the feasibility of obtaining high resistance per square and low temperature coefficient of resistance. The evaporation of titanium in oxygen at a pressure of 10^{-3} torr and at a rate of 2 angstroms per second produced a value of 1655 ohms/square. Zirconium films deposited in a residual gas pressure of 2×10^{-6} Torr gave a high R/sq. of 905 ohms per square and a change in resistance of $< 1\%$ after heating to 125°C in air for about 30 minutes. A resistivity of 2400 microhm-cm was obtained for a zirconium - zirconium oxide film having a TCR < 100 ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

In the next quarter the properties of films formed by the co-deposition of chromium and silicon monoxide from a common source were examined along with studies on vanadium and zirconium. The chromium-silicon monoxide system appeared to be quite promising as a high resistivity material of low TCR and high stability so that more emphasis was placed on this combination than on some of the other materials. Resistivities of the Cr + SiO films ranged from 1000 to 10,000 microhm-cm with TCR values of $\pm 1 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. It was difficult to control the evaporation of the two materials from the common source used because of their differing vapor pressures. One neighboring element in the periodic table to chromium, that is, manganese, was selected for a study of its co-deposition with silicon monoxide from a common source because it appeared the resultant films might have similar properties to the Cr + SiO mixtures; and, since the vapor pressures of Mn and SiO are reported to be approximately the same, easier control of the process might be accomplished. The latter hypotheses was not borne out in the experiments due to the fact that the manganese vaporized at a much higher rate than did the SiO. Electrical properties of the two species were similar but the Cr + SiO films displayed higher resistivity at a given TCR value and exhibited superior aging. Other materials were co-deposited with SiO and examined subsequently.

During the third quarter some film specimens of titanium nitride and niobium nitride were examined. The titanium nitride films exhibited resistivities too low to meet the desired specifications and both materials were difficult to evaporate from refractory metal boats; the niobium nitride required the use of electron beam bombardment techniques. Other materials studied during this quarter included Al + SiO, Cu + SiO, Sn + SiO, and Mn + SiO. Aging studies of the films were begun to determine the stability of the resistance at 125°C for unprotected and SiO-protected films.

During the next quarter the aging studies were continued along with the fabrication of additional Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO films. In general, the aging of SiO-protected resistors is far less than that of unprotected resistors. Post-deposition baking techniques were initiated.

The final periods were devoted to extensive aging studies of the most promising films, exploratory studies on other materials, notably borides and silicides, and the examination of films by electron and x-ray diffraction, electron microscopy and other analytical techniques.

The sections which follow give a detailed description of the film fabrication and measurements procedures (Section II-A) and the results

obtained on the various materials studies (Section II-B). Particular emphasis is placed on the chromium-silicon monoxide films and the boride and silicide films. Further discussion of these results is included in Section III and a summary of the main results and suggestions for future studies are included in Section IV. The appendix consists of tables which contain detailed data on most of the films studied and summary data on certain parameters.

II. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

A. FILM FABRICATION AND MEASUREMENTS

1. Vacuum Deposition Procedures and Apparatus

Of the several possible methods for fabricating thin film resistors, the one used in this study was deposition by evaporation in high vacuum as specified in the contract. A detailed description of the various evaporation apparatus and the procedures used is included in this section. Such detail is considered necessary since differences in fabrication methods not adequately described in the published literature make it difficult to compare or duplicate results obtained in separate laboratories on similar type films. The other reason for extensive detail is that procedures are then well documented for future use.

A total of seven hundred fifty-eight film specimens were fabricated for the various studies. An additional representative number of comparative film specimens were prepared on electron microscope grids for analytical studies. The films fall into seven major classes of materials as follows: pure metals, metal-silicon monoxide cermets, metal-metal oxide as a result of evaporating pure metals in partial pressures of oxygen, metal-metal oxides as a result of evaporating metal oxide compounds, metal-metal nitrides from the evaporation of metal nitride compounds, silicides, and borides. The metal-silicon monoxide systems studies were Al-SiO, Cr-SiO, Cu-SiO, and Mn-SiO. The metals Gd, Ti, Tm, V, and Zr were prepared. Metal compounds evaporated in high vacuum included Ta_2O_5 , TiO, TiO_2 , V_2O_5 , ZrO_2 , NbN, TiN, $CrSi_2$, mixtures of $CrSi_2$ and $TiSi_2$, mixtures of $CrSi_2$ and B_4Si , B_4Si , NbB_2 , Ni_2B , and TiB_2 . Film resistors were prepared on three different substrate materials, Corning #7059 glass, soft glass microscope slides, and fused quartz. Significant fabrication details are given in Table I for most of the films fabricated, and these data are summarized in Table V.

The principal apparatus employed in the fabrication of these specimens included substrate cleaning equipment, four high vacuum systems, two substrate changers, and an electron beam evaporation system. Other small accessories and instrumentation necessary for establishing processing parameters and control were utilized.

1.1 Vacuum Deposition Apparatus and Techniques. The basic deposition apparatus consisted of four high vacuum systems. These were equipped

with versatile chambers and base plates and instrumentation for the measurement of various parameters during deposition. They were designated systems A, B, C, and D and are described subsequently.

Vacuum System "A": System "A" was constructed at Georgia Tech. Basic components are a forepump with a pumping speed of 5 cubic feet per minute, an oil diffusion pump 4 inches in diameter, a liquid nitrogen cold trap, appropriate valves, gauges, and two a. c. power supplies rated at 2 KVA each. Pressure measurements are made with a Veeco vacuum gauge, type RG-3A. An ionization gauge tube, Veeco type RG-75, is installed between the bell jar and cold trap for pressure measurements below 1×10^{-4} Torr. Argon and other gases are admitted to the system through bleeder valves located in the exhaust pipe to the base plate and chamber.

For the work under the contract, a straight section of Pyres Brand "Double Tough" pipe six inches in diameter and 12 inches in length was used as a chamber (the pipe is manufactured by Corning Glass Works). An overall view of the chamber arrangement is shown in Figure 1. Upward evaporations were made from refractory filaments, boats, or crucible sources connected to current feedthroughs at the base of the chamber. A top cover plate was adapted with a substrate holder, heater, and shutter, as shown in Figure 2. The shutter mechanism permitted shielding of the substrate during premelting and outgassing of the evaporant.

The heater enclosure was constructed of stainless steel shim stock and served as a radiation shield for a graphite cloth heating element. The graphite heating element was a 1-inch wide x 3-inch long piece of graphite tape stretched parallel to the substrate. The substrate holder was attached to the open side of the heater enclosure with screws and doubled as a contact mask for the substrate. It was machined from 12 gauge stainless steel, type 304. The mask supported substrates measured up to 1 x 3 x 1/16 inches.

The fixture was calibrated for substrate temperature versus heater current. To accomplish this, a platinum film resistance thermometer on a 1 x 3 inch microscope slide was placed in the substrate position, and its temperature was measured at the end of 1/2 and 1 hour heating intervals for a given heater current. The temperature within the enclosure represented an average temperature for the substrate under these conditions.

The mask was machined to enable the deposition of four parallel film resistors across a 1 x 3 inch substrate. Terminal areas were enlarged so that the shape of the deposit pattern resembled that of a dumbbell. Initially



Figure 1. Vacuum System A.

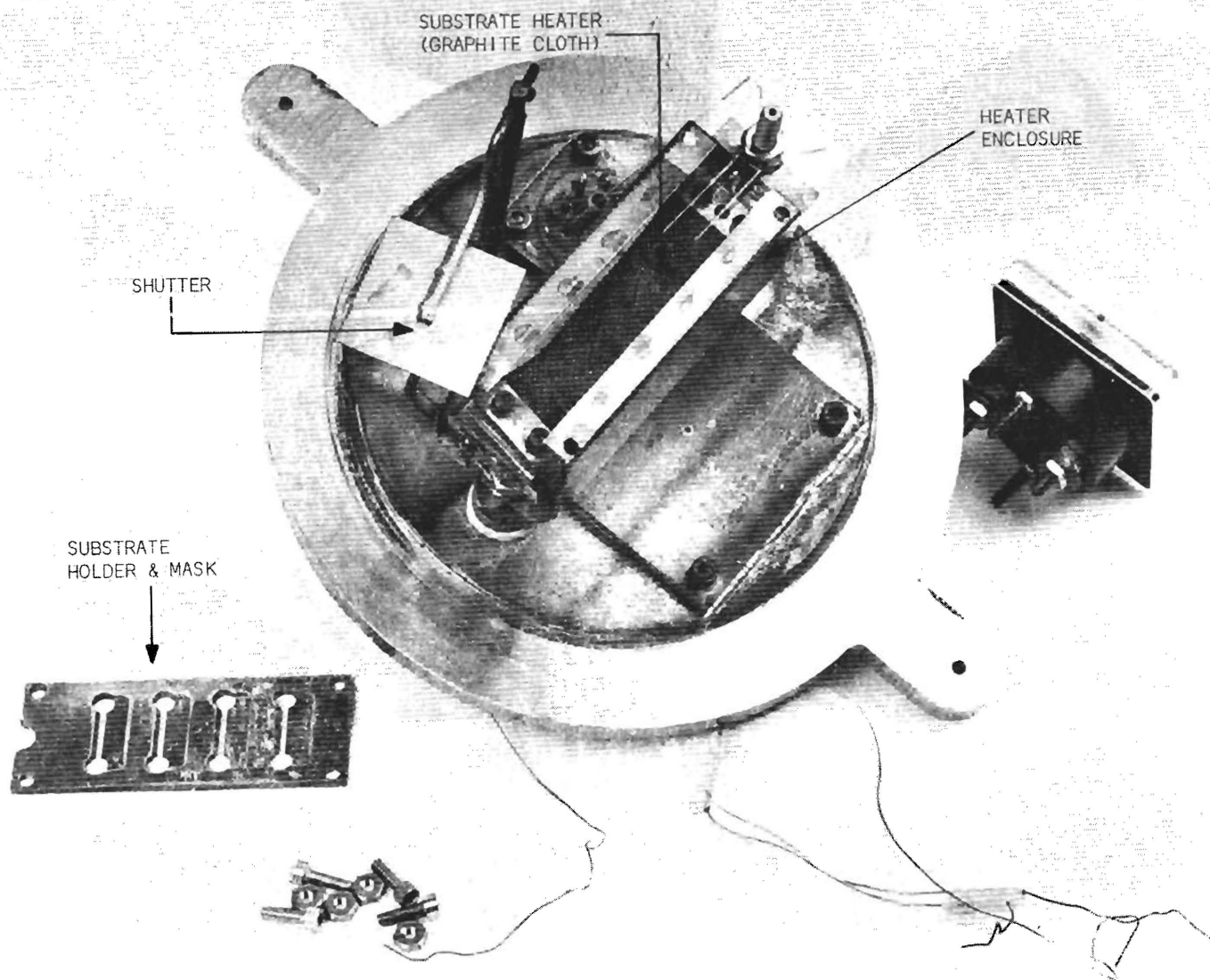


Figure 2. Substrate Support and Heating Assembly for Vacuum System A.

the substrate assembly was fixed to the heater so that the substrate was at an angle of 45 degrees with the horizontal plane including the source. Thus, each of the four resistor deposits were at a different distance from the source. To record this the resistors were labeled A, B, C, and D in going from the substrate end closest to the source to the end farthest from the source. The median source-to-substrate-distance was about five inches. During deposition, the A end was exposed to proportionately greater radiation intensity from the evaporation source. No attempt was made to measure the actual temperature gradient across the substrate during deposition. Resistors of several materials^{*} were deposited with this arrangement. It will be noted that the A section is thickest with the thickness decreasing in the order of the B, C, and D sections. Usually, the specific resistivity of the films increased with the order of the sections.

The heater and substrate assembly was then modified so that the substrate was parallel with the heating element and the horizontal plane of the source. The previous mask was used in this arrangement, also. In addition, a second mask was machined for depositing a film resistor pattern measuring 1/2 x 1/2 inches on a pre-terminated 1 x 1 inch substrate centered over the evaporation source at a distance of about 5 inches.

Vacuum System "B": Constructed at Georgia Tech, vacuum system "B" is similar to that of vacuum system "A" described above. The major differences are an oil diffusion pump of six inches in diameter instead of four inches and a water baffle instead of a LN₂ cold trap. Otherwise, the systems were equipped similarly.

The chamber and header assembly was similar to that of system "A" as shown in Figure 2. A substrate mask-holder was machined to enable the deposition of three resistors in a 1/2 x 1/2 inch area on pre-terminated substrates. It could support either three 1 x 1 inch substrates or one 1 x 3 inch substrate at a distance of about 5 inches above the evaporation source.

A V-trough and slider was attached to the header for dropping powder mixtures onto a heated filament for flash evaporations. This was used to deposit a few chromium-silicon monoxide resistors by flash evaporation of the respective powder mixture of chromium and silicon monoxide.

^{*} including Ti + O₂.

Vacuum System "C": This vacuum system is a standard Veeco model of the VE-400 series. It consists of a forepump with a pumping speed of 5 cubic feet per minute, an oil diffusion pump 4 inches in diameter, a water baffle, a liquid nitrogen cold trap, manually operated valves, thermocouple and ionization gauges, a glass bell jar 18 inches in diameter, and two a. c. power supplies rated at 2 KVA. All pressure measurements were made with the standard ionization gauge supplied with the system. The gauge tube is located near the cold trap and in the basic piping immediately between the diffusion pump and base plate. Thus, the pressures recorded are probably lower than the actual bell jar pressures. This difference, however, was probably less than one order of magnitude during evaporations, especially, when a Meissner cold trap inside the bell jar was operated.

A stainless steel collar was added to the system to provide for extra feedthroughs for electrical apparatus and rotary shafting to operate the substrate changer discussed subsequently. Also, a Meissner cold trap was constructed and located in the bell jar. The trap was constructed of one-half inch diameter copper tubing, coiled to form a helix of six turns and approximately 6 inches in diameter and 6 inches in length. Liquid nitrogen was passed through the tubing by "Monel" alloy feedthroughs mounted in the stainless steel collar. The Meissner trap was operated immediately before and during the deposition of the films to give a lower pressure inside the bell jar during the critical period of film deposition.

A substrate changer constructed at Georgia Tech was installed on this system and is illustrated in Figure 3. The changer is constructed of non-magnetic materials free of low vapor pressure constituents, particularly zinc. Major components are fabricated of types 303 and 304 stainless steel. Bearings and thrust washers are fabricated of a zinc free bronze alloy impregnated with about 1.5 percent graphite. Mica, boron nitride, and alumina are used for electrical insulators. Adequate pump-out features such as grooves or channels are machined on mating surfaces. Screws are center drilled for screw holes that bottom-out. Where possible bottomless holes are used for screws. Top and bottom support plates are secured to the three legs by nuts and are adjustable in the vertical direction. The substrate carrier plate is fixed to a bronze bearing fitted and supported in the center of the top support plate. A pitch chain sprocket is secured to the top of the bearing for rotation of the substrate carrier plate about a centrally located axle. The central axle extends through the bottom plate and is supported by a precision collar that rides on top of the bottom support plate; the sub-

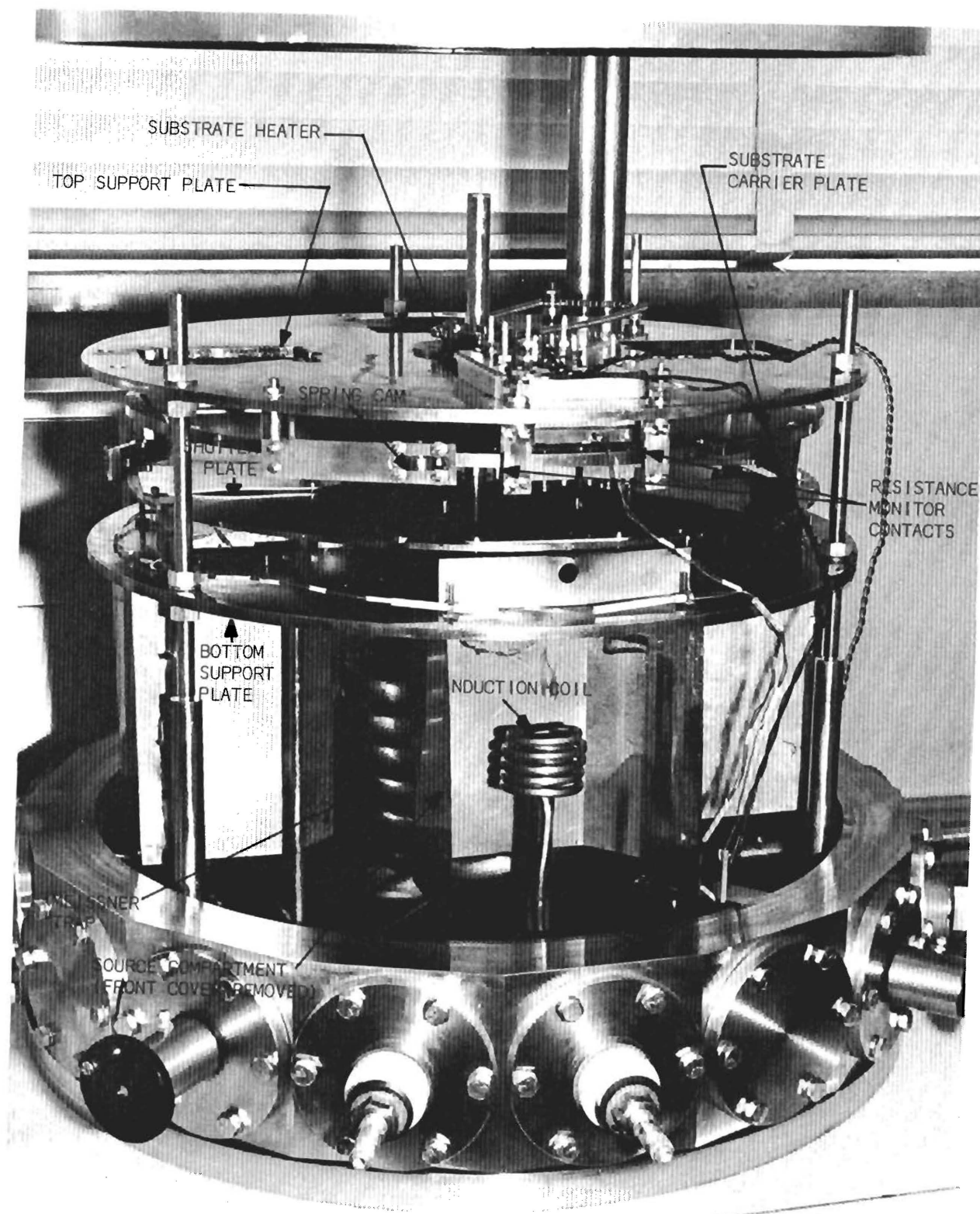


Figure 3. Substrate Changer Used with Vacuum System C.

strate carrier bearing locates the axle centrally at the top end. The shutter plate is fixed to a bronze bearing that rotates freely about the center axle while a pitch chain sprocket secured to the bearing permits turning of the shutter. Miniature stainless steel pitch chains, universal joints, gears, and shafting are connected to rotary feedthroughs installed in the stainless steel collar to independently rotate the substrate carrier and shutter plates from outside the bell jar. Adjustable spring cams ride on the perimeters of the shutter and substrate carrier plates. The cams engage with notches in the respective plates to obtain independent registration of the plates with respect to each other and the various source compartments. Independent substrate holders are positioned in the substrate carrier plate. Four positions will accommodate substrates with a maximum size of $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Holes in the top support plate permit access to the substrate carrier plate.

The substrate holder served also as the mask for these studies. Four ports or vapor windows are located ninety degrees apart in the bottom plate. Evaporation filaments or sources are located below the windows. The stainless steel forms secured to the bottom side of the bottom plate are source enclosures which provide shielding of the sources from each other. Also, the shields prevent undesired vapor condensation on the bell jar and changer. Each source compartment has a quick-release front cover plate for ready access to the interior. An adjustable frame for holding a 1 inch x 1.5 inch microscope slide is mounted on top of the bottom plate at each of the vapor windows to serve as a front surface mirror for viewing each source from the exterior of the bell jar during evaporation.

Radiant substrate heater assemblies and a resistance monitor are the major accessories incorporated into the changer. The heaters rest in any of the four holes in the top plate directly above a substrate or substrates to be coated and can be readily transferred from one position to another or removed for access to the substrate carrier plate. Figure 3 shows a heater installed in the changer. Major construction details are illustrated in Figure 4. The graphite cloth element provides heating over the entire substrate holder and is very efficient. For example, the cloth barely reaches the color temperature range to obtain substrate temperatures of 500°C . (The method of establishing substrate temperature is discussed subsequently). For this work, the graphite cloth was folded to form two closely spaced layers in series. The layers were insulated by a thin sheet of mica. The heater also

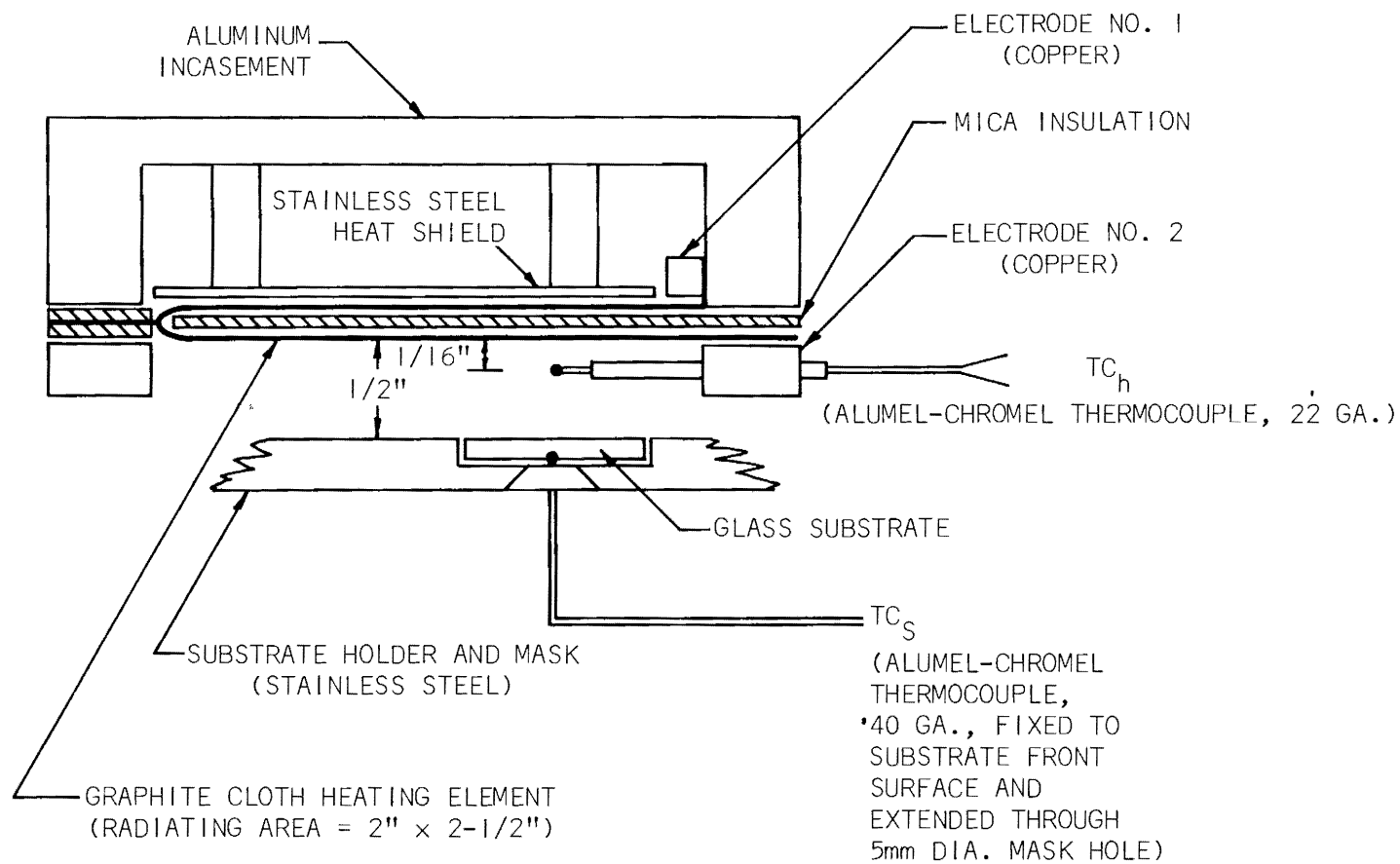


Figure 4. Substrate Heater Assembly Showing Relative Positions of Substrate and Thermocouples for Determination of Substrate Temperature.

operates quite satisfactorily with a single layer of graphite cloth; however, a greater current is required for a single layer element to obtain a given substrate temperature.

Substrate temperature was indicated by a 22 gauge chromel-alumel thermocouple, TC_h , positioned between the graphite cloth heating element of the substrate heater and the substrate holder. TC_h was calibrated against a 40 gauge chromel-alumel thermocouple, TC_s , fixed to the front surface of a substrate. A loop of nichrome wire was heated by resistance heating and was employed to embed the thermocouple in the substrate surface. Figure 4 illustrates the arrangement of the thermocouples for calibration of TC_h . The temperatures indicated by both thermocouples were measured versus time for one hour and one-half hour heating periods and various variac settings of the heater power supply. Data obtained for one hour heating periods are plotted in Figure 5. The thermocouple fixed to the substrate, TC_s , indicated higher temperatures than TC_h for temperatures below 425°C and lower values for temperatures above 425°C . Heater currents at the end of the heating periods ranged from 5 amperes for a substrate temperature of 200°C to 14.1 amperes for a substrate temperature of 500°C . These data were used to determine substrate temperatures from measurements with TC_h during the fabrication of film resistors.

As discussed subsequently, Cr-SiO films deposited on substrates measuring 2 x 2 inches were non-uniform in resistivity over the surface area. Much of the non-uniformity was attributed to non-uniform heating of the substrate with the graphite heating element. The area of the graphite element was 2" x 2.5". This is approximately equal to the area of the substrates. The element sagged with extended use, also. More uniform heating of substrates can possibly be had by making the area of the heating element somewhat larger than the area of the substrate and by preventing the cloth from sagging. In this work, improved uniformity was obtained by placing a metal block on the substrate. The substrate was heated by the block which was equal in area to the substrate and was heated by the graphite heater.

Two sets of substrate masks were used with the changer. These are illustrated in Figure 6. Each set of masks consisted of a mask for predeposition of gold over chromium terminations and a mask for deposition of the resistive film. Both masks were machined from type 304 stainless steel. The masks at the left sides of Figures 6a and 6b are the termination masks for the respective resistive film masks shown to the right. The slotted

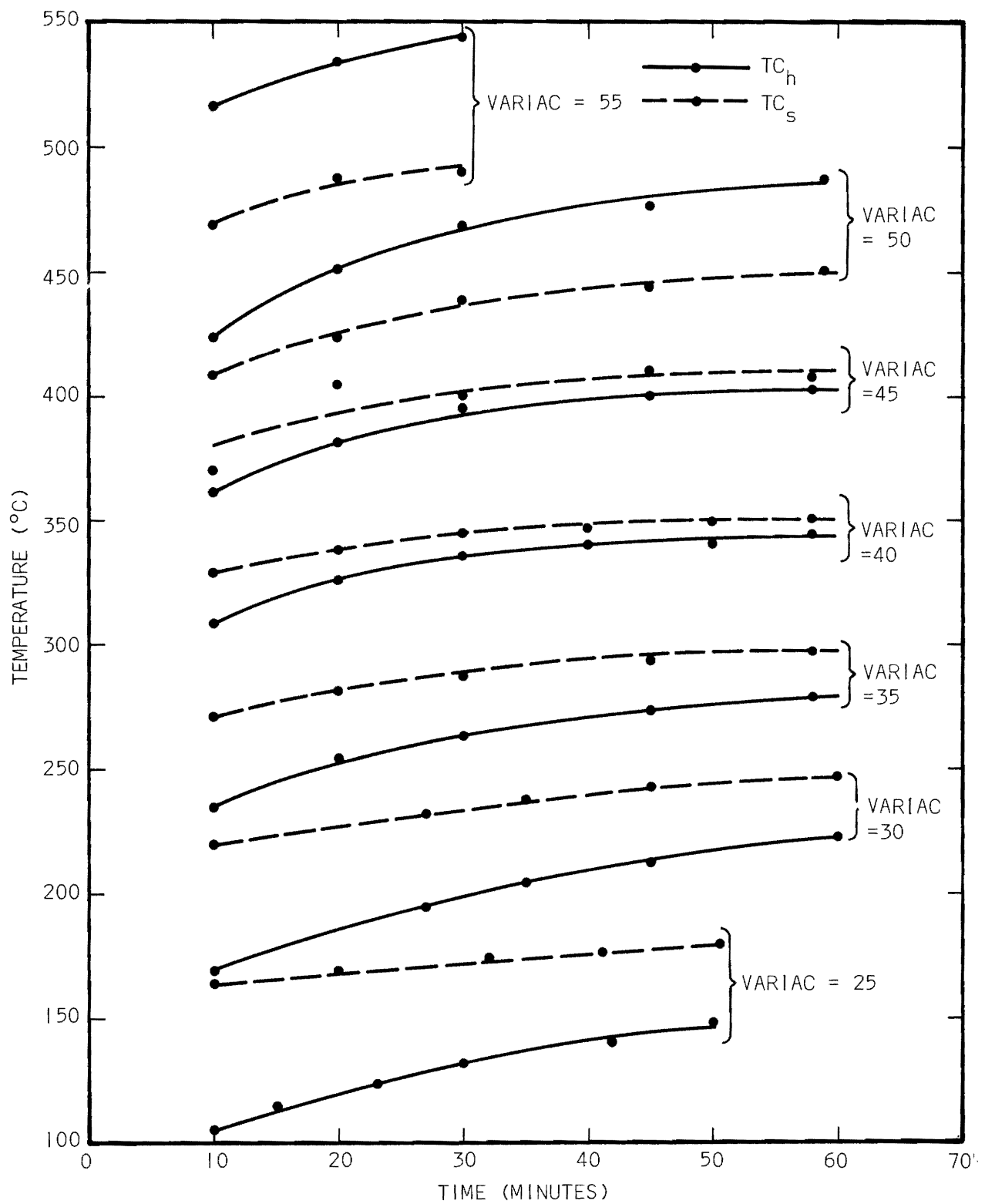
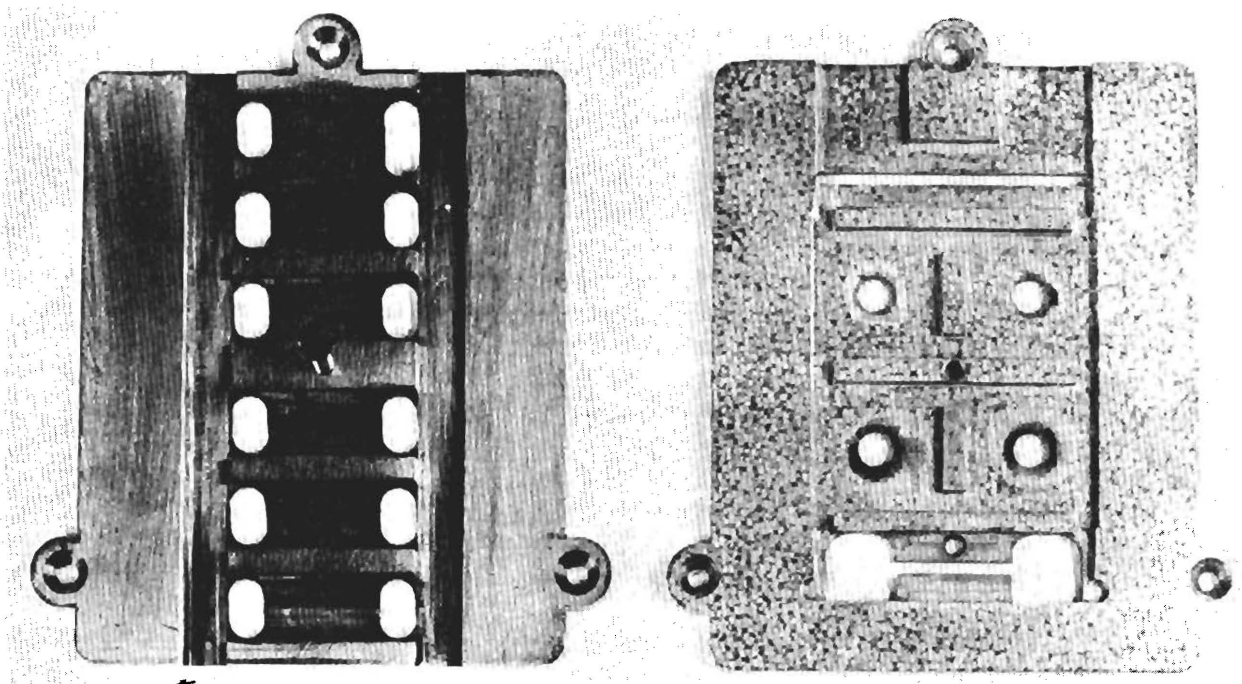
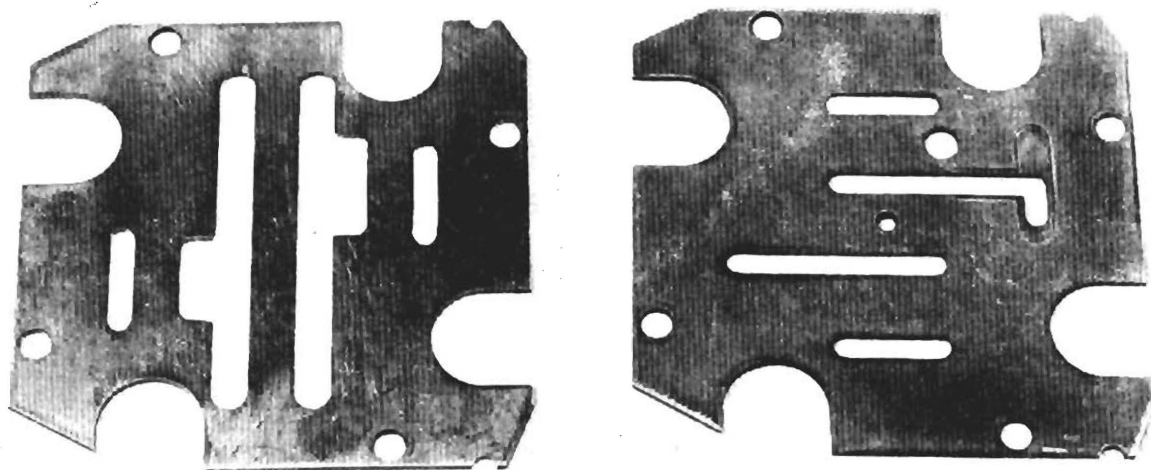


Figure 5. Substrate Temperature vs Time and Variac Setting for Heater Assembly of Substrate Changer on Vacuum System C.



(a) MASKS FOR DEPOSITION OF RESISTORS $5/8$ -INCHES LONG \times $1/16$ -INCHES WIDE



(b) MASKS FOR DEPOSITION OF 6 RESISTORS ON A 2×2 -INCHES SUBSTRATE

Figure 6. Substrate Masks.

holes at the top and bottom ends of the mask to the right in Figure 6a were used for depositing the resistive films. Between the terminals each resistor was $5/8$ inch long and $1/16$ inch wide. The resistor deposited at the slotted hole with the dumbbell shaped ends was monitored during deposition. The small round hole near the center of the slot was for holding an electron microscope grid. The mask to the right in Figure 6b was used to deposit six resistors in a single evaporation on a 2 x 2 inch substrate.

A tantalum grain box, R. D. Mathis type ME-1, was used to co-evaporate Cr-SiO and Mn-SiO. The source was in the position of the induction coil shown in Figure 3. The source temperature was calibrated against source current to obtain the source temperature values by the method indicated in Figure 7.

The resistance monitor on the changer consists of a set of stationary spring contacts mounted in the top support plate that engage with a set of contacts fixed to the substrate carrier plate at each of the four substrate positions. By connecting leads from the contact on the substrate carrier plate to pre-deposited terminations on a substrate, the resistance of conductive films can be measured during the deposition process. This feature permitted deposition of resistive films to a given resistance value. During deposition of films in this report, the film resistance was monitored with an impedance bridge, General Radio type 1650-A. After removal from the vacuum chamber, the resistance of the film was measured at room temperature with a wheatstone bridge, Rubicon Instruments model 1071.

Vacuum System "D": Vacuum system "D" was set up primarily for electron beam evaporations. The system is a Veeco model VE-775 automatic evaporator. It is equipped with a modified Edwards microcircuit jig or substrate changer and a Veeco VE-B6 electron beam gun system. Electron beam evaporations were made from a massive copper crucible. Apparatus within the bell jar is shown in Figure 8. The bell jar of this system is constructed of stainless steel and is 26 inches in diameter.

Evaporation of metal films onto room temperature substrates with the electron gun resulted in film deposits of non-uniform thickness. The non-uniformity was noted for a number of metals evaporated with the electron gun on substrates at temperatures up to 250°C . The non-uniformity resulted from electron and/or ionic charges arriving at the substrate and possibly the charge build-up that occurred on the substrate surface. Film deposits on glass substrates heated to 400°C and above appeared uniform. At 400°C , the substrates are slightly conducting and apparently this prevents the surface

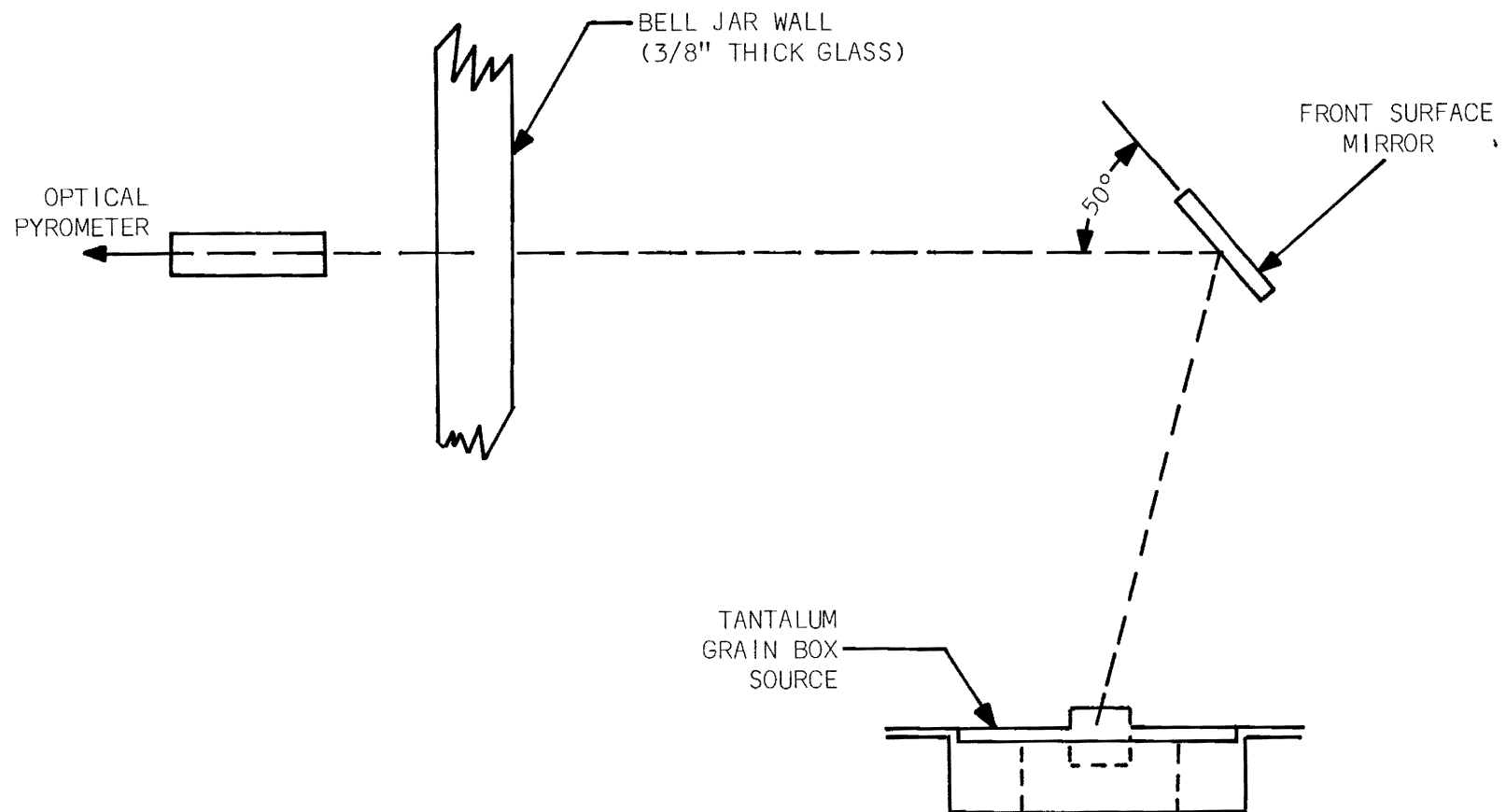


Figure 7. Method of Measuring Source Temperature.

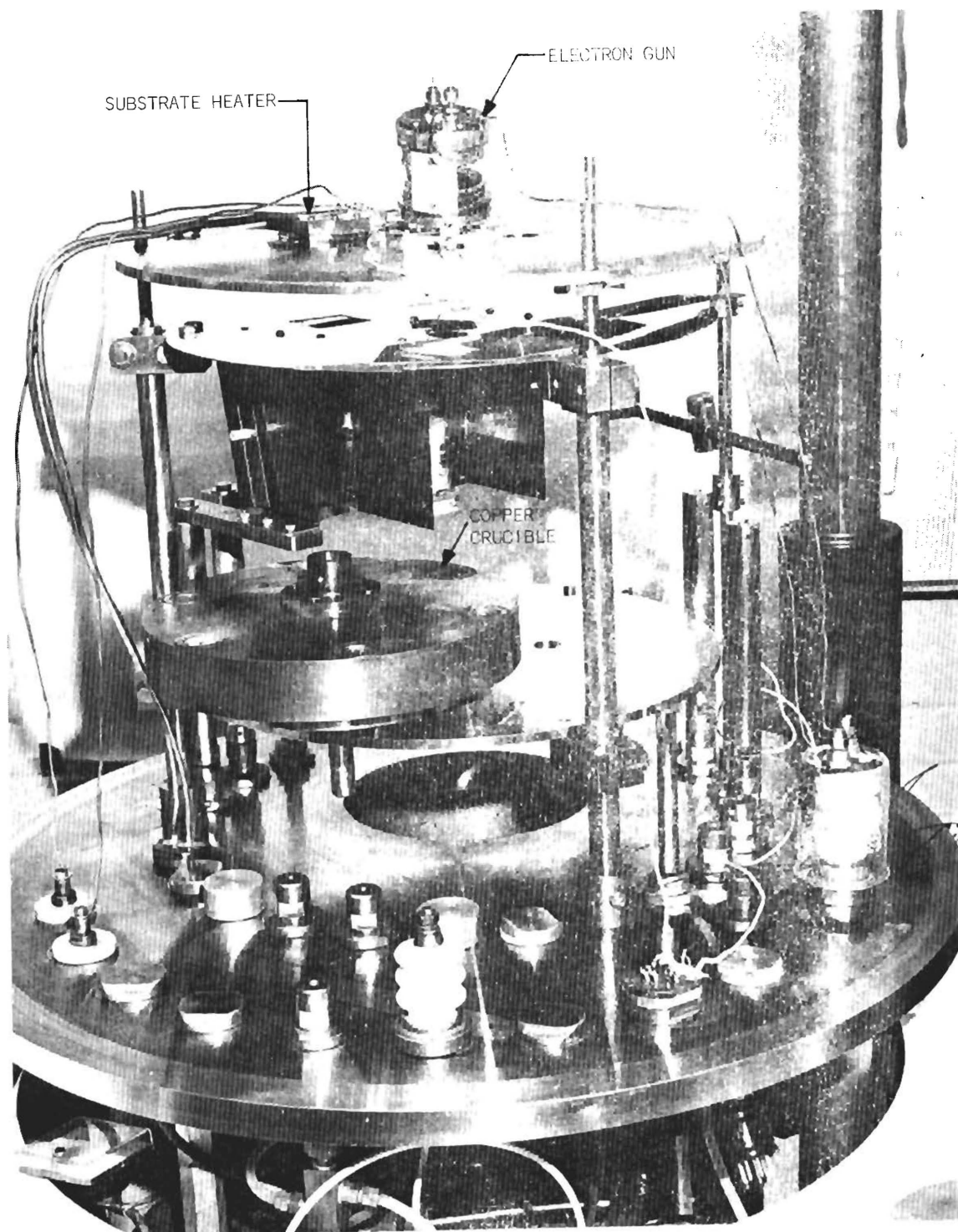


Figure 8. Deposition Apparatus of Vacuum System B.

from becoming charged during the deposition. Thus, it is believed that the surface charge that can occur effects primarily the non-uniformity observed on the cooler and non-conducting substrates. A collector ring installed in front of the substrate and biased at plus 300 to 600 vdc with respect to the substrate holder and baseplate eliminated the non-uniformity in film deposits on cool substrates; on the other hand, the non-uniformity persisted with the ring biased negatively; hence, it appears that the ring prevented the arrival of electrons at the substrate surface which interfered with obtaining uniform deposits. Even though uniform film deposits were obtained on hot substrates, bombardment of the film by charges during build-up obviously continued in the absence of the collector ring. Hence, it is quite possible that film purity or characteristics are affected by such bombardment.

As a result of the high pumping speed of this system, most evaporations were made in the low 10^{-6} Torr range.

1.2 Substrate Selection. Corning Type 7059 glass was selected as one of the primary substrate materials. It is a barium alumino-silicate with compositions of extremely low alkali content. Because of the latter, it has found frequent use in the electronic industry as a substitute for the more common glasses where migration of alkali ions with applied electric fields caused instability in film components. The surface of this glass is quite wavy; however, the smoothness is equal to or better than one micro-inch, according to the manufacturer. The glass was obtained in dimensions of 1 x 1 x 0.32 inches from Corning Glass Works, Electronic Components Department, Raleigh, N. C. Soft glass microscope slides of the non-corrosive varieties were used extensively, also.

During efforts to evaporate some refractory materials with the electron beam apparatus, the soft glass substrates were heated to the softening point in certain instances. Hence, polished fused quartz substances were obtained for electron beam evaporations of refractory materials. The dimensions of these were 1 x 1 x 0.030 inches. These were purchased with the trade name "Micro-fused Quartz" from Dell Optics Company, Ltd., North Bergen, N. J. (Between the glasses and fused quartz substrates, no difference in film parameters were noted that could be attributed to the substrate material.)

Conventional copper grids overcoated with carbon films were utilized for supplemental analytical studies with the electron microscope.

1.3 Substrate Cleaning and Apparatus. Two substrate cleaning methods were used during the program. Method number 1 was employed for all of the

specimens fabricated with vacuum systems A and B, and Method 2 was used with vacuum systems C and D. In both methods reagent grade chemicals were employed.

Cleaning Method 1. Concentrated chromic acid was poured into a cleaned beaker or petri dish. A few drops of distilled water were carefully added to the acid. With addition of the water, the acid became hot. The substrate was placed in the hot acid for 3 to 5 minutes. The substrate was then removed from the acid with tweezers and successively rinsed with distilled water and methanol. After the methanol rinse the substrate was dried with a hot air blower.

Cleaning Method 2. For Method 2, special cleaning and handling apparatus including a demineralized water rinse, vapor degreaser, and rack for supporting a batch of substrates were employed.

The filtered demineralized water rinse depicted in Figure 9 was used initially. It provided a temporary and useful water rinse facility for the initiation of this work. The throw-away demineralizing cartridge employed was the Research Model manufactured by the Illinois Water Treatment Company. The filter was fabricated by packing a filtering grade of glass wool into a 5/8 inch diameter x 4 inches long polyethylene tube (calcium chloride drying tube.) The covered polyethylene dish used for the water bath is 3 inches wide x 9 inches long x 3 inches deep. A water flow rate of approximately 350 cc per minute was maintained during rinsing.

During the latter part of the program, a Barnstead demineralizing loop, Model PL-1-C, was obtained for final water rinsing. The PL-1-C loop was equipped with a submicron filter, one mixed bed demineralizing cartridge, one organic removal cartridge, resistivity metering, and appropriate valving. To this a centrifugal water pump was added to recirculate a supply of water through a stainless steel rinse tank. The system was charged with distilled water, U.S.P. grade. This was added to the system as the water level dropped with normal evaporation from the tank. The rinsing tank was installed in a clean box and was covered with a lid when not in use. After operating for a few minutes, the resistivity of the water reached a level of 15 to 18 megohms. This level of resistivity was used as a standard for rinsing the substrates; i.e., after placing a batch of substrates in the rinse tank, they were not removed until the resistivity of the water returned to the normal maximum value. The substrates were cleaned in acid before rinsing in water. After installation of the high purity loop, gross acid was rinsed from the racked substrates

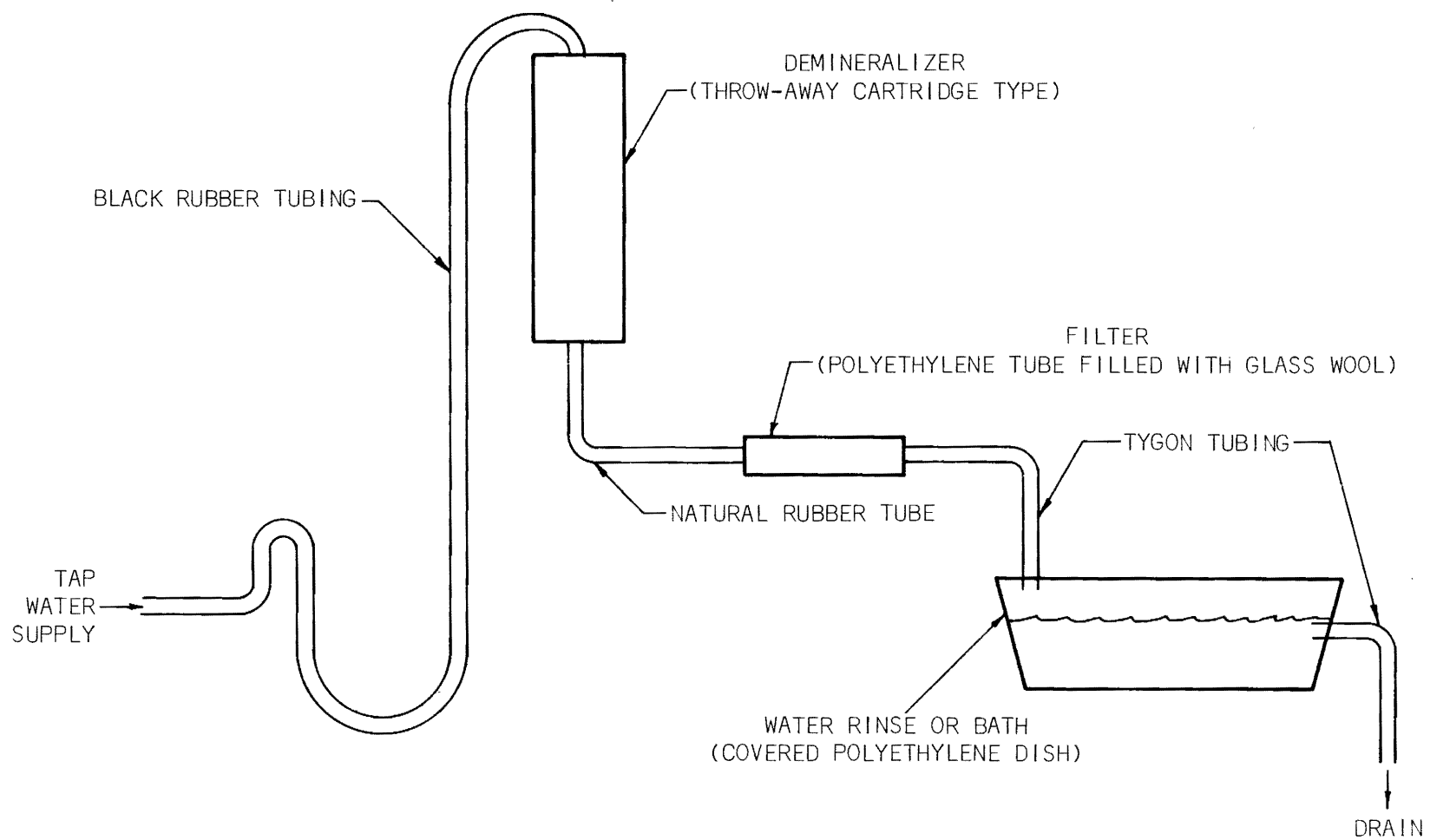


Figure 9. Demineralized Water Rinse for Substrate Cleaning.

with the initial water rinse of Figure 9 immediately before placing them in the high purity rinse tank.

A vapor degreasing chamber constructed from stainless steel was employed during the final stage of substrate cleaning. The top of the container was closed with an aluminum plate. The container was partially filled with the liquid trichloroethylene and specimens were supported on a rack above the liquid. When the liquid was heated to the boiling point by an electric hot plate, it vaporized and condensed on the substrates. A continuous washing action occurred as the condensed droplets were returned by gravity to the liquid below. The degreaser was very useful in obtaining smear-free surfaces.

A special rack was constructed from type 304 stainless steel to support substrates during cleaning. Figure 10 illustrates the general construction of the rack which holds sixteen substrates for batch cleaning of rectangular substrates. The rack is milled from a solid piece of stainless steel to eliminate deep holes and screw threads that tend to hold solution between successive baths or rinses. It is cleaned with the substrates, and the substrates are supported so as to provide for adequate drainage of liquids from the substrate corners and edges. The latter feature eliminates the gross formation of so-called water marks or smears that occur if droplets of liquid collect along the edges or corners during final drying of a substrate. The hook type handle is constructed from a stainless steel rod and is used to transport the rack.

Figure 11 shows the final cleaning station for substrate cleaning method 2. The following is a stepwise description of the cleaning procedure.

- (1) Scribe code numbers on back of substrates and arrange in deposition order in substrate cleaning rack,
- (2) Place racked substrates in a fresh hot chromic acid bath, about 100°C, for 5 minutes (chromic acid formed by saturating concentrated sulfuric acid with chromium trioxide at room temperature -- keep acid dish covered to minimize oxidation at elevated temperatures),
- (3) Remove from the chromic acid and rinse away gross acid with flowing demineralized water from drain tube of Figure 9,
- (4) Dip racked substrates in tank rinse of Figure 9,
- (5) Submerge racked substrates in high purity water rinse, Figure 11, leave in recirculating bath a minimum of 10 minutes after resistivity returns to a minimum of 15 megohms,

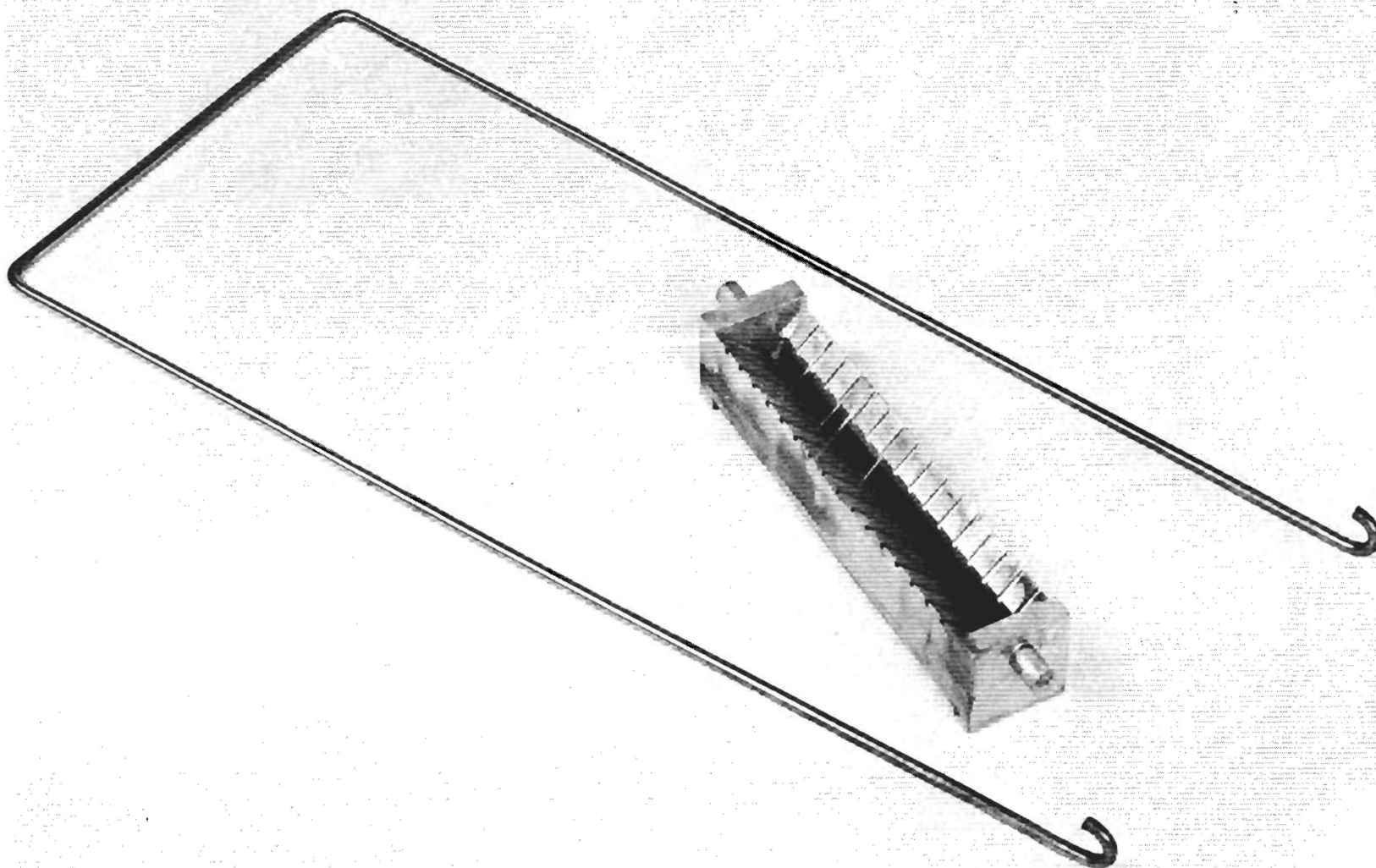


Figure 10. Substrate Cleaning Rack.

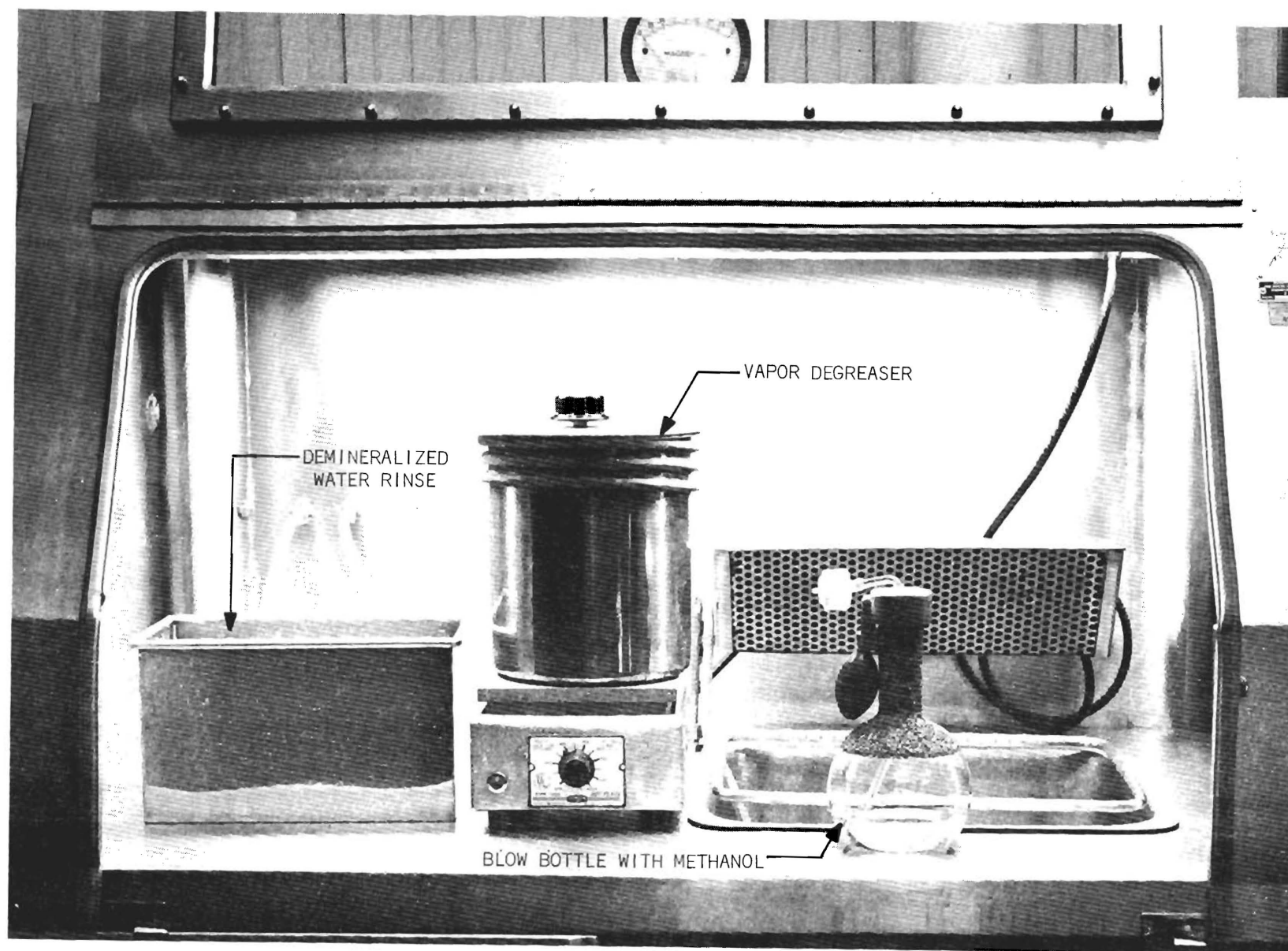


Figure 11. High Purity Water Rinse and Final Cleaning Station for Substrate Cleaning Method 2.

- (6) Remove racked specimens from water rinse and rinse with methanol from a blow flask,
- (7) Place racked substrates in trichloroethylene degreaser for a minimum of 10 minutes or until ready to place in vacuum deposition apparatus,
- (8) Carefully remove substrates from degreaser,
- (9) Use cleaned tweezers to remove substrates from cleaning rack and position in holders in the vacuum deposition apparatus.

In the performance of the above cleaning procedures, the substrates were **not** allowed to dry between successive baths. The methanol rinse was used primarily to remove water from the substrates and rack before degreasing since water and trichloroethylene do not mix very well. The trichloroethylene degreaser was used primarily as a storage point immediately before film deposition and as a technique of drying the substrates to obtain a streak-free surface rather than for any unique cleaning or degreasing property of the trichloroethylene vapor.

1.4 Film Thickness Measurement Apparatus. A constant deviation spectrometer, Hilger and Watts model D 186, was used in conjunction with an interferometer to measure film thickness. The interferometer is equipped with a white light source and operates on the principle of multiple beam interferometry¹ to produce fringes of equal chromatic order. The interferometer was constructed under a previous project funded by the Engineering Experiment Station of Georgia Tech. Design was based on that described by Scott, McLauchlan and Sennett.²

1.5 Other Fabrication Apparatus. A stereomicroscope with a magnification range from 0.7X to 60X, an optical pyrometer, wheatstone resistance bridge, thermocouple potentiometers, multimeters, and ultrasonic bonding apparatus were available for routine measurements examination, and preparation of specimens during fabrication.

1.6 General Fabrication Procedure. Common procedures and precautions followed to fabricate film resistors are discussed. Details particular to a specific species of films are given later.

Preparation of Substrates for the Resistive Films: Immediately following cleaning by one of the two previously discussed cleaning methods, the substrates were appropriately masked and placed in a vacuum system for evaporation of film terminations. Upon evacuation of the bell jar to the low 10^{-5} Torr range or lower, the substrates were heated to about 300°C

and the terminal films were evaporated. The terminals were deposited in successive evaporation of chromium and gold. First, chromium was evaporated to a thickness of 300 to 1000 angstroms. This was followed immediately with the evaporation of an overlayer of gold. The thickness of the gold overlayer was from 2000 to 3000 angstroms. After cooling, the substrates were removed from the vacuum chamber, placed in a cleaned petri dish, and stored in a desiccator until ready for deposition of the resistive films.

The chromium underlayer was employed to obtain strong adherence of the gold film. Gold terminals were selected to provide a low resistance contact to the resistive films. The terminals were deposited before the resistive films to eliminate the possibility of contact resistance that can result from surface oxides between terminals and resistive films. The latter will occur if the initial film deposited forms a surface oxide before the second film is deposited. A minimum gold thickness of 2000 angstroms was necessary for subsequent bonding of gold foil leads to the terminals by thermal compression or ultrasonic bonding techniques.

Immediately before evaporation of the resistive films, the pre-terminated substrates were removed from the desiccator and loaded into masks. Gold leads were bonded to the terminals of those substrates to be monitored during deposition; otherwise, the leads were attached after deposition of the resistive films. All of the substrates were pre-terminated, except for a few films fabricated early in the program. For the latter films, leads were soldered to the resistive films with indium after deposition.

General Evaporation Procedure for the Resistive Films: After the substrates were installed in the deposition apparatus and the source was filled with evaporant, the following general procedure was followed for the evaporation of the resistive films:

- (1) Fill LN_2 trap at beginning of pump-down, except for vacuum system B,
- (2) Evacuate to high vacuum range,
- (3) Turn on substrate heater for desired temperature,
- (4) Outgas evaporant and source by pre-heating or melting the evaporant with the substrate shutter closed,
- (5) After 30 minutes of substrate heating, record substrate temperature and high vacuum pressure,
- (6) Open shutter and evaporate resistive film, record pressure during evaporation, and record monitor resistance at the end of the evaporation,

- (7) Turn substrate heater off and cool substrates to 100°C or less,
- (8) Open vacuum chamber, remove specimens and store in a desiccator.

Attachment of Leads: Typically, gold ribbon leads (0.001 x 0.005 inches) were bonded to the gold film terminals of each resistor. Thermal compression bonding was used in most of the bonding; however, ultrasonic welding apparatus was available and used when convenient. Typical specimens with leads attached are shown in Figure 12.

2. Measurements of Resistive Parameters

Measurements of resistance, temperature coefficient of resistance (TCR), and thickness were made to determine the relationship between specific resistivity and TCR of each film species. Representative specimens were then selected for aging and passivation studies. Initial parameters for the individual specimens are listed in Table I and summarized in Table V.

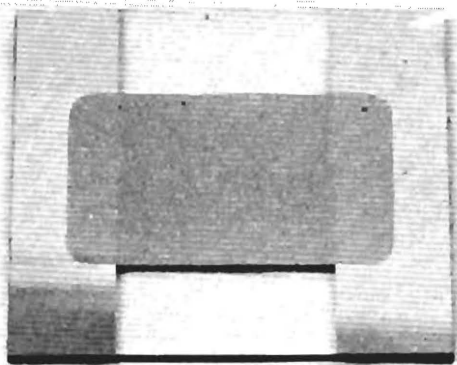
2.1 Resistance Measurements: Resistance measurements were made with a wheatstone bridge, Rubicon Instruments model 1071. After leads were fixed to the resistors, resistance was measured to four significant figures at room temperature. From the total resistance and known length to width ratio of the film, the resistance per square was calculated. During subsequent aging studies resistors were removed from the oven and returned after measurement at room temperature.

2.2 Measurement of Temperature Coefficient of Resistance: To determine the TCR, the films were placed in a tube furnace and cycled to 125°C in air. Initially, the resistors were cycled to this temperature in 5 to 10 minutes. Later in the program a different oven was used, and the time was increased to 20 to 30 minutes. The TCR values were calculated from the relationship:

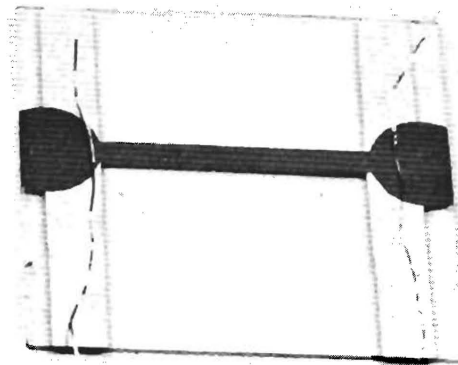
$$TCR = \frac{R_T - R_O}{R_O (T - T_O)}$$

where R_T was the resistance value at 125°C, R_O was the room temperature resistance after cycling, and $T - T_O$ was the difference in temperature, in degrees centigrade, at room temperature (T_O) and 125°C (T).

Some films changed in resistance during heating to 125°C; hence, after the measurements at 125°C were made, the resistors were rapidly removed from the oven and cooled to room temperature. By using the latter room temperature value, oxidation and annealing effects were minimized in the calculated TCR



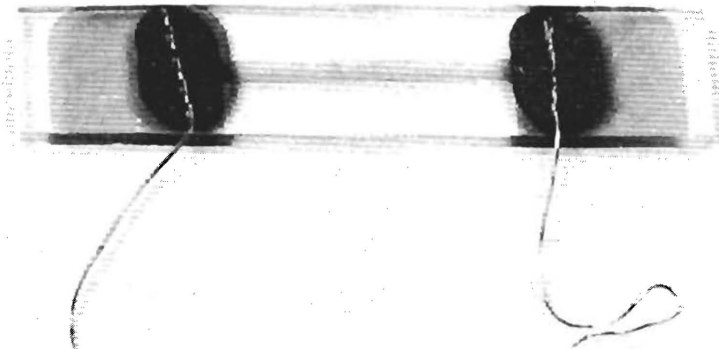
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$1/16'' \times 5/8''$
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$1/8'' \times 1/4''$
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RESISTOR AREA

Figure 12. Typical Resistors with Leads Attached.

values. Table III[†] shows the changes in resistance experienced during TCR measurements. Thinner films, less than 500 angstroms in thickness, usually increased in resistance by a greater percentage than did substantially thicker films during the TCR measurements. This is to be expected since an oxidized layer of given thickness is a proportionately greater fraction of the thickness of thinner films.

2.3. Determination of Specific Resistivity. Specimens with TCR values representative of the TCR range obtained for each species of films were selected for thickness measurements so that the relationship between specific resistivity (ρ) and TCR could be established. Typically, two measurements of thickness were made at different points on each film, and the average value was taken as the film thickness. Thickness measurements were made with the apparatus discussed in section 1.4. The specific resistivity was then calculated from the relationship:

$$\rho = \text{Resistance per square} \times \text{film thickness};$$

where the resistance per square is in ohms and the thickness is in centimeters. Specific resistivity values are listed in the tables in units of microhm-cm.

After the characteristic relation between resistivity and TCR was established for a species and a given fabrication procedure, subsequent resistivity values were estimated from a plot of resistivity versus TCR.*

3. Passivation and Stabilization of Films

Two techniques of passivating and annealing films to enhance stability were examined. These were overcoating with SiO and post-deposition baking in air at elevated temperatures. These measures were taken after the resistive parameters were determined.

Some films of the Mn + SiO and Cr + SiO series were overcoated with SiO by evaporation techniques in high vacuum. The SiO was deposited to a thickness of about 6,000 Angstroms. During overcoating, the films were heated to about 300°C in 30 minutes in the vacuum environment. Subsequent aging of these films was then compared to that of similar films baked in air and to that of unprotected films.

* A typical example for zirconium-zirconium oxide films is given in Figure 13.

[†] in the Appendix

Post-deposition baking in air was studied more extensively as a means of stabilizing the films. Selected specimens of the various species were baked in air for 3 to 16 hours at temperatures ranging from 200°C to 300°C. Subsequent aging of the films were compared to similar films overcoated with SiO and to unprotected films.

4. Extended Aging Studies

Selected specimens from most of the species fabricated were stored in a convection oven at 125°C. Changes in the resistive parameters with time were recorded. Typically, the study was conducted for 1000 hours. Both protected and unprotected films were studied for a no-load condition.

During the aging period, resistance measurements were made about once a week. For each measurement, the specimens were removed from the oven, and their resistance values at room temperature were recorded. Thus, each resistor received a mild temperature shock upon removal and return to the oven. A graph of resistance change with time was prepared for each resistor placed on aging.

5. Other Analytical Measurements

Electron microscope and electron diffraction studies of grids coated during the evaporation of the various specimens were made. Film compositions were obtained primarily from the electron diffraction studies although electron microprobe and x-ray diffraction techniques were also used.

6. Use of Microprobe to Analyze Thin Films

The specimens prepared for examination with the electron microprobe were deposited on carbon film substrates supported by electron microscope grids. These specimens, when submitted for examination, were quite wrinkled and wavy. With a specimen of this nature, the analyzing crystal in the microprobe "sees" a different input angle for each different area to be analyzed. X-ray counts thus vary greatly as a result of this difference in the angle and because of variance of absorption of the emitted radiation in paths of different lengths through the specimen. Variances of 30% from one grid opening to the next opening on the same grid were not uncommon; thus, no quantitative data could be obtained.

Two methods that may overcome these difficulties are:

- (1) To float the deposited films off the substrates and deposit them on fine mesh grids; or
- (2) To deposit the films on polished solid substrates of different elements than those in the film.

These methods should be considered for any future investigations of materials exhibiting wrinkling due to internal stresses or to other causes.

B. ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS OF EVAPORATED FILMS EXAMINED

1. Introduction

As stated previously 758 films in seven categories of metal or metal compound films were examined. Measurements of electrical resistance, thickness, specific resistivity, and temperature coefficients of resistance (TCR) were made for most of these. In addition, structures of selected films were examined by electron and x-ray diffraction and by electron microscopy.

These categories of films will be discussed in order of the simplicity of the preparation of the films; i.e., metal films, metal-metal oxide films, metal-silicon monoxide films, and films formed by evaporation of the more exotic compounds such as borides, nitrides, silicides, or combinations of these compounds. This order of presentation proceeds from the commonly positive temperature coefficient of resistance of metal films to the nearly zero or highly negative one of some of the materials examined.

2. Metal Films

Although the preparation of resistors of metal films was not a part of the program due to the known low resistivities of the metals in their pure state, incidental to the program some evaporations of metals were carried out in order to establish a starting point from which to examine the effects of evaporation of selected metals in oxygen at low pressure (10^{-5} to 10^{-3} Torr). Films of chromium, gadolinium, manganese, titanium, thulium, vanadium and zirconium were examined. It will be noted also by examination of the literature that little has been reported previously concerning the electrical properties of films of gadolinium, manganese, thulium or vanadium. This fact is a second reason for including in this report measurements of the parameters of the metal films examined.

Most of the films were deposited on glass substrates at temperatures near 400°C . The exact conditions for the preparation of each film are noted in Table I (Appendix). The TCR values of all except the very thinnest films, or some of the slowly evaporated ones, were positive; the highest value obtained was $0.0021/^{\circ}\text{C}$, $2100 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, or $(2100 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C})$. Selected examples of values determined for the films are shown in Table IA and exact details of preparation and measurements for each film are shown in Table I.

It will be noted that the TCR values for these films varied from $-900 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the very thinnest films to $+2100 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ for relatively thick and more pure ones. Thickness ranges were approximately 100\AA to 5000\AA ,

TABLE I-A

RESISTANCE PARAMETERS OF TYPICAL METAL FILMS
EVAPORATED IN HIGH VACUUM

| Metal | Thickness (Angstroms) | R/sq (ohms) | Resistivity (Microhm-cm) | TCR (10^{-4}°C) | ρ/ρ_b (*) |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Chromium | | 1.8 | | +14 | |
| | | 31.5 | | + 6 | |
| Manganese | | 6 | | + 1.4 | |
| | 730 | 29 | 210 | + 1.5 | 1.14 |
| Vanadium | 920 | 9.8 | 90 | + 9.3 | 3.6 |
| | very thin (<100) | 3,295. | > 3,295 | - 9.4 | >130. |
| Titanium | | 13 | | +21 | |
| Zirconium | 1,125 | 15.6 | 174 | + 5 | 3.96 |
| | 869 | 2,106 | 18,300 | - 4.3 | 420 |
| Gadolinum | 2,485 | 5.3 | 132 | + 6.7 | 0.99 |
| | 5,890 | 5.64 | 332 | + 5.96 | 2.48 |
| Thulium | | 4.6 | | +13.8 | |

Examples of Metal Films Evaporated in Partial Pressure
of Argon Mixed with Oxygen at about 10^{-4} torr with little,
if any, oxygen present.

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|------|--------------|--------|---------------|
| Vanadium | 590 | 16.5 | 97.4 | +14 | 3.8 |
| Titanium | 700 | 10.7 | ≈ 75 | +21 | ≈ 1.8 |
| | (Estimated) | | | | |
| | 767 | 35.2 | 270 | + 1.95 | 6.4 |
| Zirconium | 1,280 | 7.7 | 99 | +18 | 2.3 |
| Gadolinium | 1,369 | 15.7 | 214 | + 6.2 | 1.6 |
| Thulium | 743 | 31.6 | 235 | + 9.5 | 2.6 |

* ρ/ρ_b is the ratio of the specific resistivity of the metal film to that of the
respective bulk metal. ρ_b values from Metals Handbook, American Society for
Metals, Cleveland, Ohio, 1961.

and $R/\text{sq.}$ values were 1 to 3300 ohms giving resistivities in the range of approximately 30 to 18,300 microhm-cm. The highest resistivity value was obtained for a zirconium film having a thickness of 869 Å and a TCR of $-430 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. It was deposited at a slow rate of about 1 Å/sec. in three successive intervals of 5 minutes at a substrate temperature of 360°C.

The value of $2100 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ is only approximately one half the TCR of a pure metal film and the one of -430×10^{-6} is obviously one for a very impure film. Impurities present at the substrate interface and at the exterior one pollute the film in all instances except those employing the very best vacua obtainable and meticulous substrate cleaning. In addition, molecules of the residual atmosphere are occluded in the film. Hence, virtually no evaporated film is a pure one and we only prepare metal films under most conditions which include varying degrees of impurities. The effects of impurity content may be enhanced by employment of a highly active metal, slow evaporation rates, increased pressures, and control of residual atmosphere in the vacuum chamber.

Of the metal films examined only the ones of zirconium gave resistivities in the range of 10,000 microhm-cm desired; and the TCR of these was approximately $-400 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. These values were obtained at deposition rates of a few angstroms per second with substrate temperatures of 350 to 450°C and bell jar pressures in the 10^{-5} and 10^{-6} torr ranges. A much lower bulk resistivity (ρ_b) of 44 microhm-cm is reported⁶ for zirconium.

3. Films Prepared by Evaporation of Metals in Oxygen at Low Pressure

As noted in the preceding section, resistivities of deposited films were increased by slow evaporation rates indicating combination of the atoms of the deposited film with atoms of the residual atmosphere and probably at the substrate surface. Thus, by increasing the oxygen content of the residual atmosphere one would expect to further increase the resistivities of the films. Hence, gadolinium, titanium, thulium, vanadium, and zirconium were evaporated in this manner. In the early experiments, failure to flush entirely the inlet hose of argon resulted in evaporation conducted in a residual atmosphere of argon; this action, in turn, resulted in TCR values for the films as high as those obtained under the best vacuum conditions in the systems employed, and in some cases higher.*

* This result suggested that evaporations in residual argon pressures of about 10^{-4} torr would give TCR values higher than normally obtained for films of metals evaporated in vacua of about 10^{-6} torr.

Correction of the oxygen inlet procedure resulted in films of the expected TCR and resistivity values. Table IB gives examples of films of vanadium, titanium, and zirconium prepared in this manner. These films were selected because they show the general range of resistivities for the various materials having near zero TCR. The resistivities of vanadium and titanium films prepared by this manner were about 300 microhm-cm, and a zirconium film possessed a value of about 2400 microhm-cm. A total of some 85 zirconium films were prepared; these had a resistivity range of 99 to approximately 6×10^7 microhm-cm and a TCR range of (+ 1800 to - 6200) $\times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. It is evident that the higher positive TCR value represents that of an essentially metallic film and the low negative one that of a zirconium film composed largely of zirconium oxide or suboxides. The highest resistivity within the $\pm 200 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ range was the 2420 microhm-cm previously noted.

It is possible to plot the resistivities obtained for a series of films of this type against the TCR values and obtain a curve such as that displayed in Figure 13 for zirconium-zirconium oxide films. This curve illustrates a considerable scatter of the data and a very steep slope of the curve in the vicinity of zero TCR. This behavior implies difficulty will be encountered in obtaining a repeatable TCR, and, in general, agrees with experience during this research.

Similar data plotted for titanium and vanadium films deposited by evaporation in oxygen enriched residual atmospheres are exhibited in Figures 14 and 15. Although the slope of the respective curves is much less in the vicinity of zero TCR than for the zirconium, the much lower resistivity values obtainable are obvious.

The few efforts with gadolinium and thulium were non-productive. Data for all the films discussed are given in detail in Table I (Appendix).

It is evident again that zirconium alone of these materials gives promise of high resistivity at low TCR values. However, large variations and the steep slope of the TCR versus resistivity curve near zero TCR indicate a high probability that difficulty encountered in reproducibility of a desired TCR will discount any advantage to be gained by the generally higher resistivity of this material. Although higher in resistivity than the other materials by a factor of 8 or more, it still falls considerably short of the specified value of 10^4 microhm-cm at a TCR of $\pm 200 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

TABLE I-B

RESISTANCE PARAMETERS OF TYPICAL FILMS PREPARED BY
EVAPORATION OF METALS IN OXYGEN AT LOW PRESSURE

(Films were selected with TCR values near zero)

| | Thickness (Angstroms) | R/sq (ohms) | Microhm-cm | TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Vanadium | 509 | 53.6 | 273 | + 0.07 |
| | 237 | 132.5 | 314 | - 1.66 |
| Titanium | 767 | 35.2 | 270 | + 1.95 |
| | 504 | 51.6 | 260 | - 0.18 |
| Zirconium | 726 | 84 | 604 | + 0.01 |
| | 1050 | 230 | 2420 | - 0.88 |

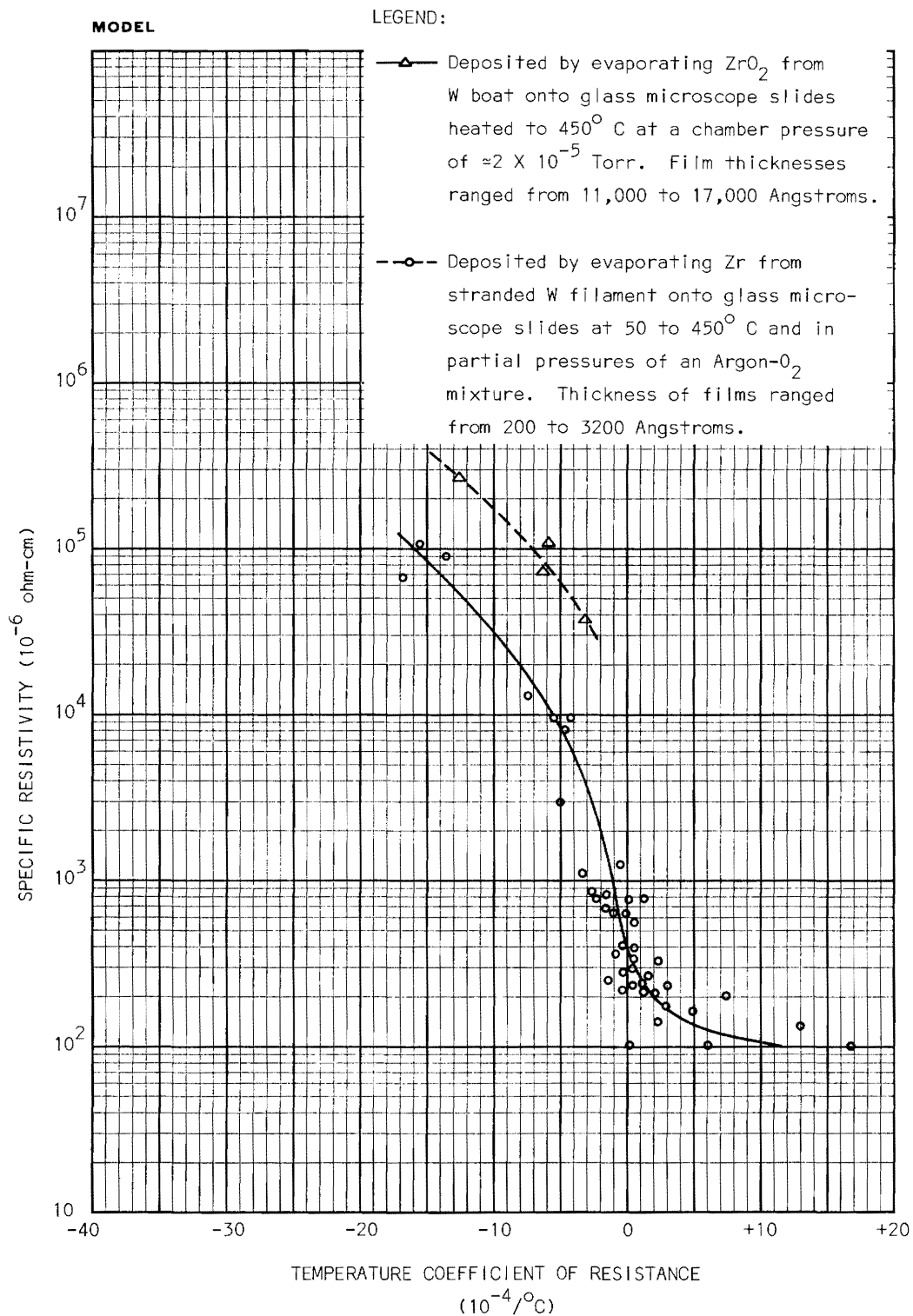


Figure 13. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Zirconium-Zirconium Oxide Films.

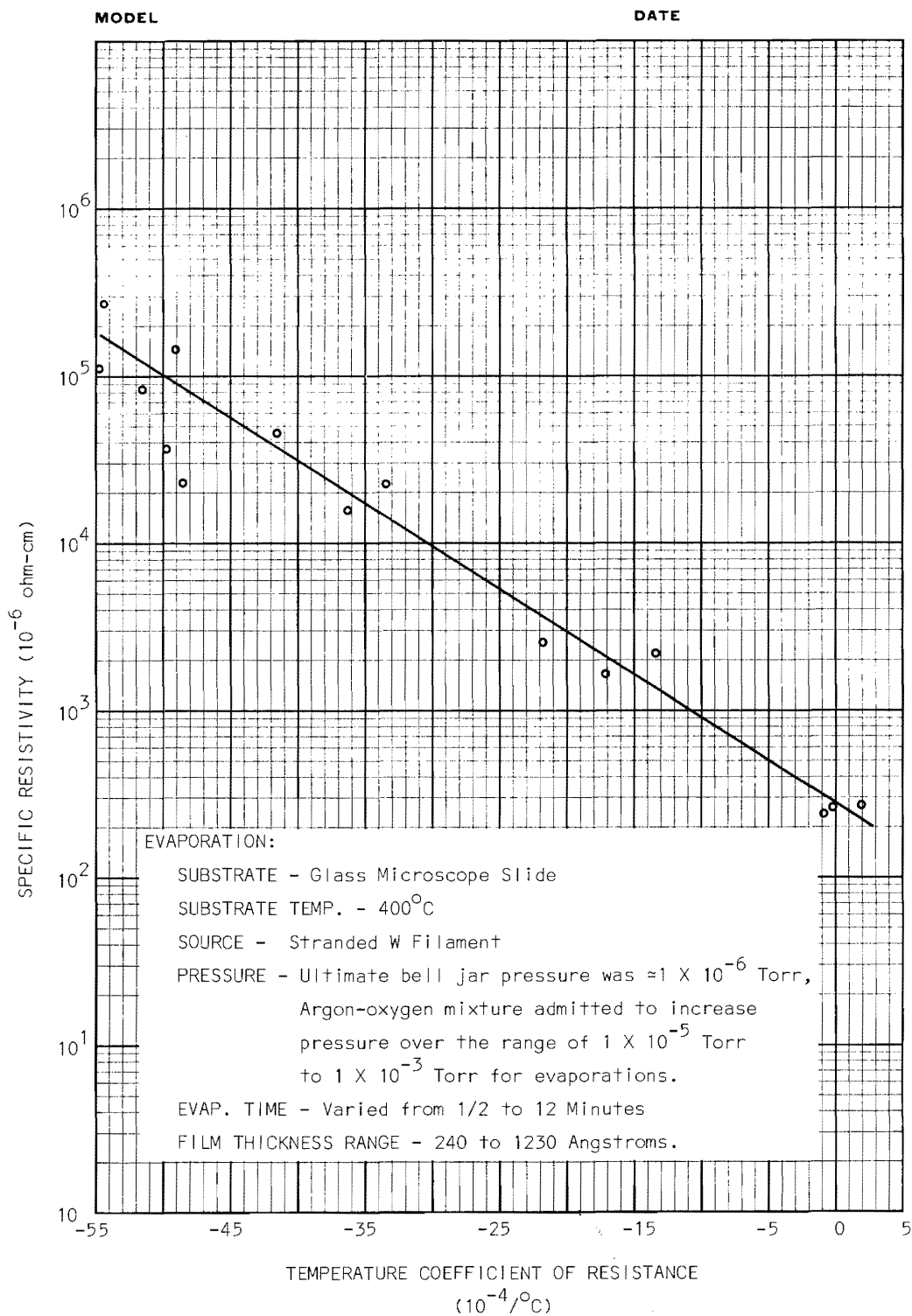


Figure 14. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Titanium Films Evaporated in Oxygen at Low Pressure.

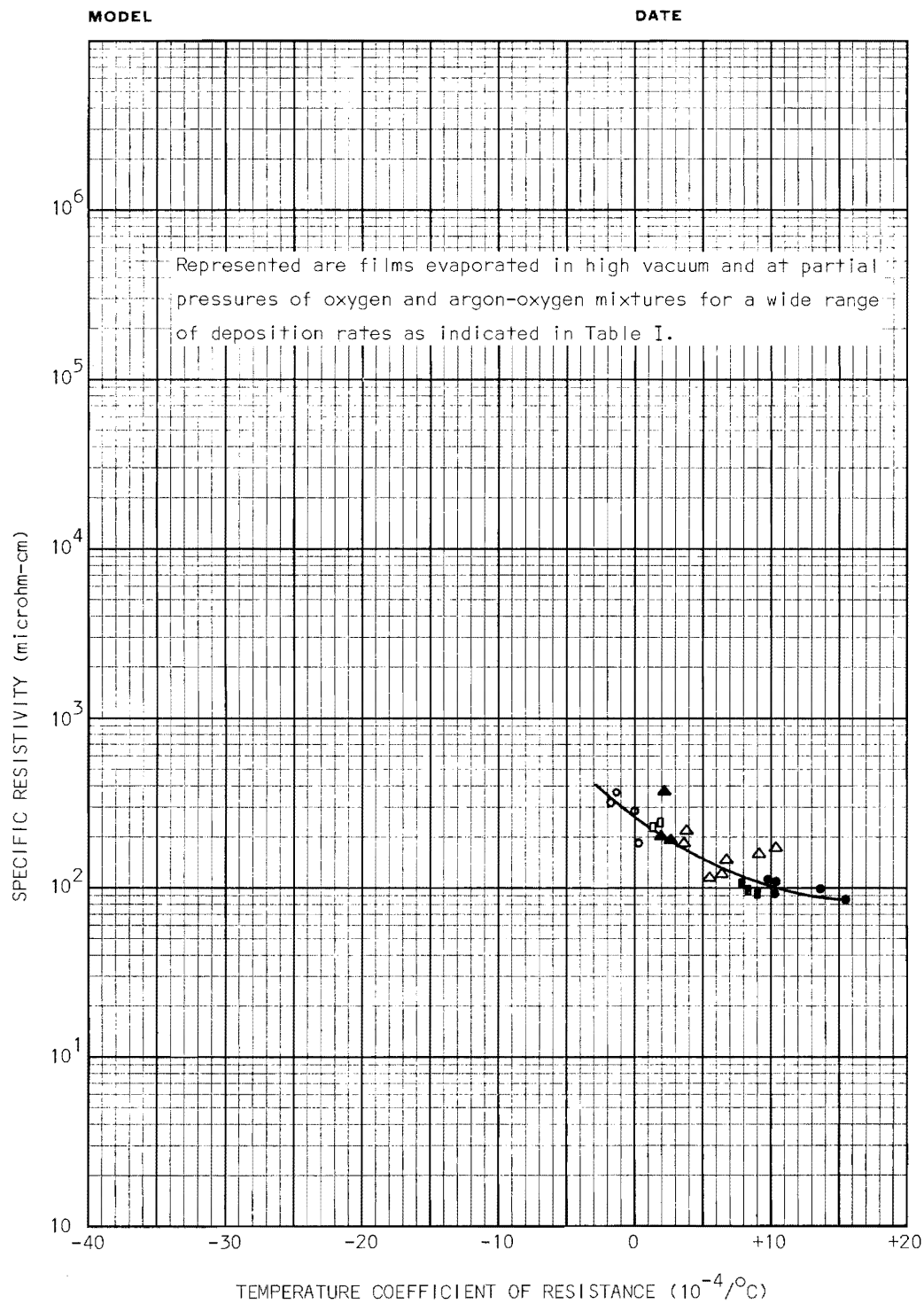


Figure 15. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Vanadium Films.

4. Films Prepared by Evaporation of Oxides or Suboxides

Films were also prepared by the evaporation of selected metal oxides or suboxides in vacua. These included oxides of tantalum, titanium, vanadium, and zirconium. The data for these films are reported in Table I (Appendix). Although very high resistivities were common, high negative TCR values accompanied the high resistivity values. No indications again were obtained that this procedure was a fruitful course with the single exception that a zirconium oxide film was prepared having a resistivity of 3.82×10^4 microhm-cm and a TCR of $-291 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. The data for the zirconium oxide evaporations are also included in Figure 13. These data indicated that the desired resistor parameters can be met with zirconium compounds of some form (without considering any stability or aging requirements).

5. Films of Metal-Silicon Monoxide

5.1 Introduction: The foregoing experiments did not appear to present fruitful methods of obtaining high resistivity films of low TCR; whereas, experience by others^{3, 4, 5} had indicated that metals co-evaporated with silicon monoxide were a possible alternative, presenting, of course, the difficulties in rate control of the dual evaporation sources or the rate control of two materials from a single source.

Although chromium-silicon monoxide was known to be a desirable pair, an interpretative study required the employment of more than one metal-silicon monoxide pair, and studies of films of aluminum, copper, and manganese co-evaporated with silicon monoxide were made. Of these, the chromium-silicon monoxide pair gave resistivity and TCR results more nearly in the range desired and data concerning it will be presented next.

5.2 Films of Chromium-Silicon Monoxide: Some 45 films of chromium-silicon monoxide films were prepared by co-evaporating the materials from a common source in the manner described in Section II-A 1.1, Vacuum System C and in Table I.* The TCR values of these films as shown in Tables I and V** varied over the range $(-3800 \text{ to } +283) \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the resistivities from about 10^3 to 10^7 microhm-cm. Of particular interest was the fact that thick films with a resistivity of about 10^4 microhm-cm possessed TCR values consistently within the limit $\pm 200 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

* A discussion of film uniformity and reproducibility control appears in Section II B, 11.

** See appendix for Tables I and V.

Figure 16 displays the general variation of TCR with resistivity for these films. Data on their aging and reliability are presented in Section II B, 8.

5.3 Films of Aluminum-Silicon Monoxide. Sixteen films of aluminum and silicon monoxide were deposited by co-evaporation of the materials and were measured for their electrical properties. The general distribution of the resistivity versus TCR data are shown in Figure 17 and in Tables I and V. Here it will be noted that there is a considerable gap in which no measurements fall between positive and negative TCR values. No attempt was made to obtain points within the gap since the films were generally softer and were less adherent compared to the Cr-SiO films. Only one film with a low absolute TCR was obtained, giving a TCR value of $+158 \times 10^{-6}$ at a resistivity of 326 microhm-cm. Hence, this pair did not appear to be a fruitful one to investigate further.

5.4 Films of Copper-Silicon Monoxide. Thirty nine films of copper-silicon monoxide were prepared and examined. Data concerning these are reported in Tables I and V and in Figure 18. An unusual behavior occurred in which there is a gap in the data between relatively highly positive and negative TCR values. Apparently this is a characteristic of the species; for a series of attempts were made to produce films that would give data to fill the gap; and did not appear to be possible. Of those films for which thicknesses were measured, the lowest absolute TCR value obtained was $276 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. This film had a resistivity of 42 microhm-cm. These films generally exhibited a most singular behavior in that some of them displayed very high resistivities and a positive TCR. In Table I it may be seen that a resistivity of 192,000 microhm-cm was recorded for a film (Cu + SiO-7B-A) possessing a TCR of $+407 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ and one with a resistivity of 13,600 microhm-cm exhibited a TCR of $+1100 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. This anomalous behavior should probably be studied further as to the reason for it and as to its possible usefulness. Both high and low resistivity values were obtained for nearly equal positive TCR values. A wide variation in resistivity was also obtained for negative TCR values. Thus, for the purpose of resistors copper-silicon monoxide films do not fulfill the desired requirements.

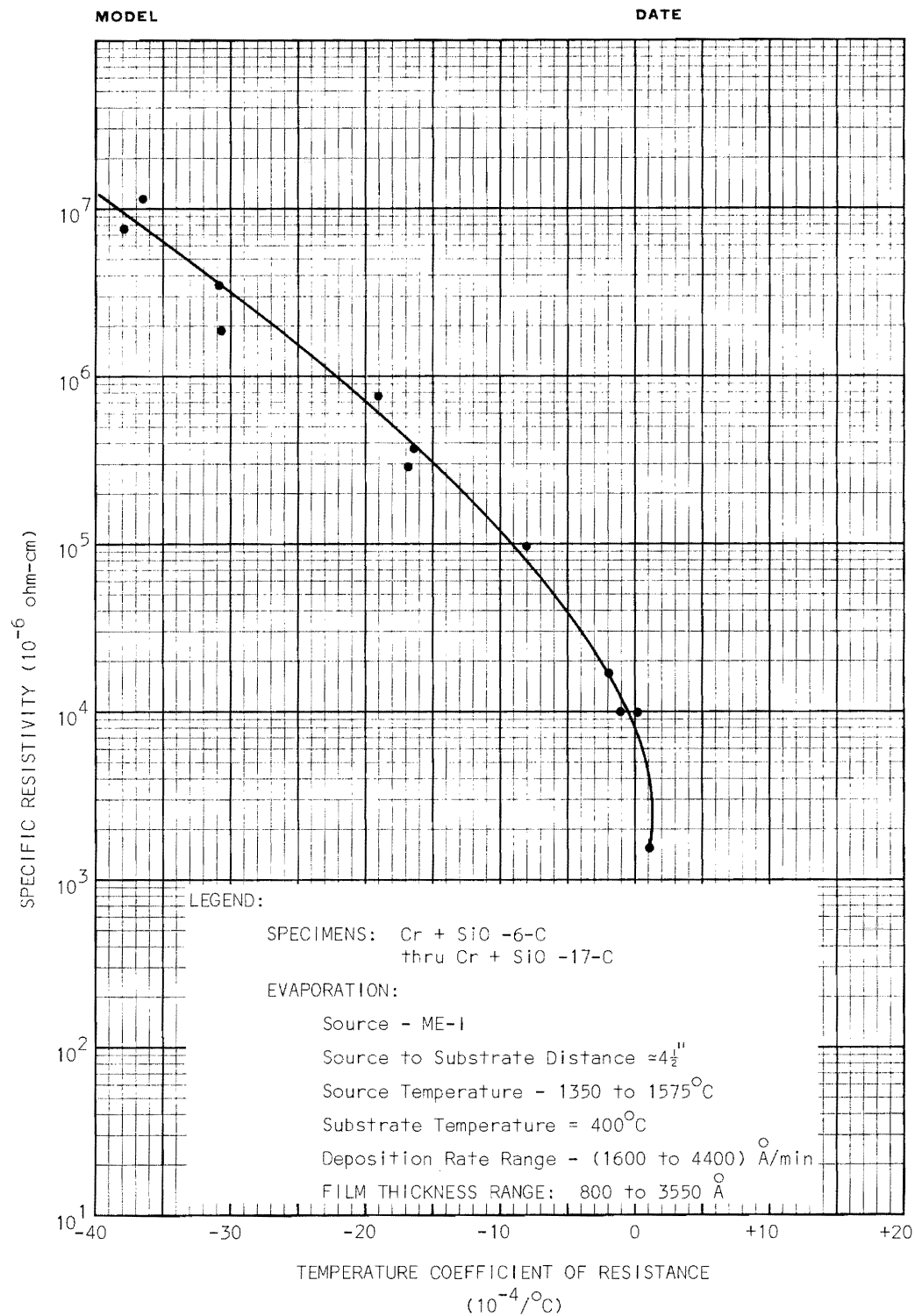


Figure 16. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Cr + SiO Films.

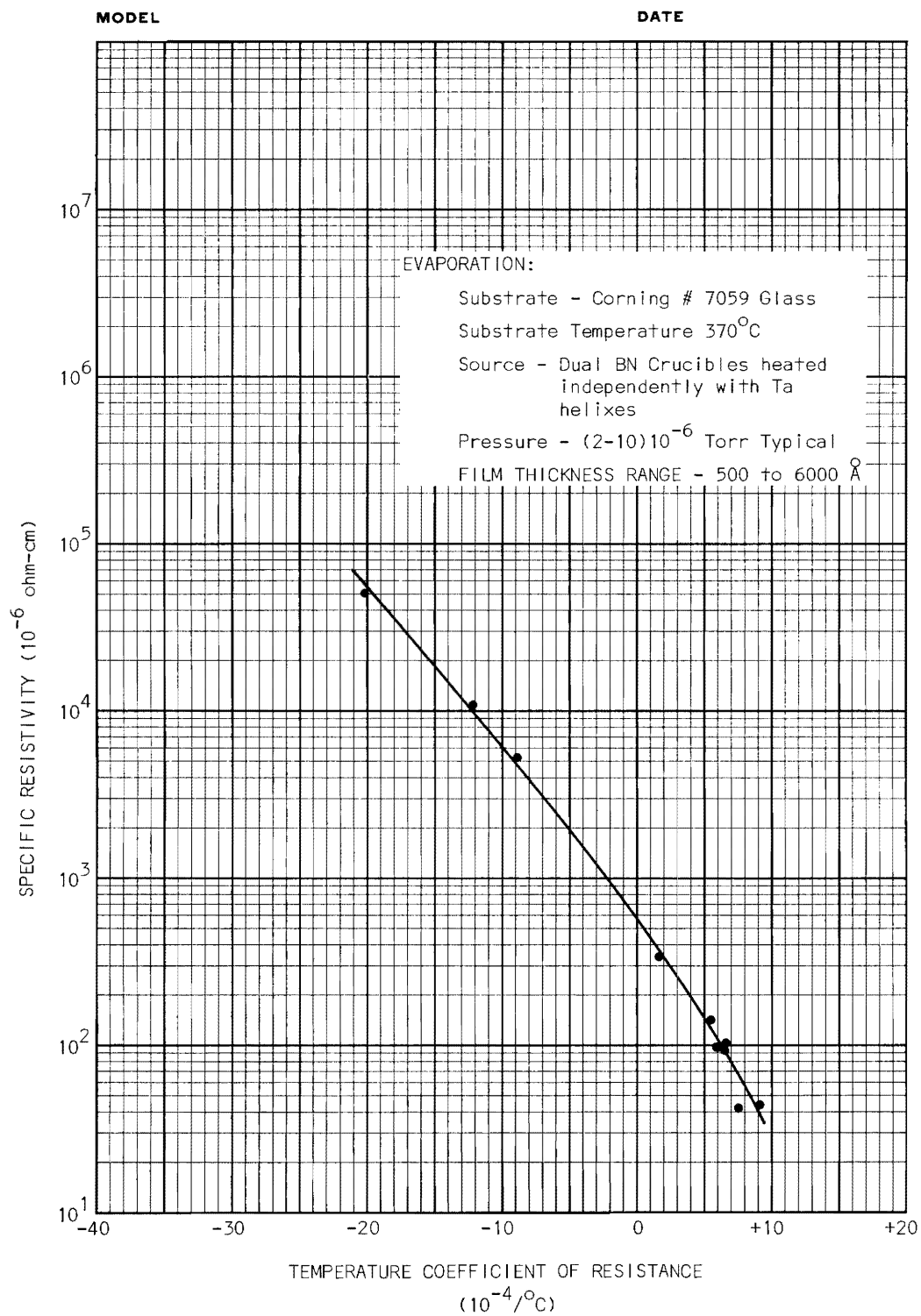


Figure 17. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Al + SiO Films.

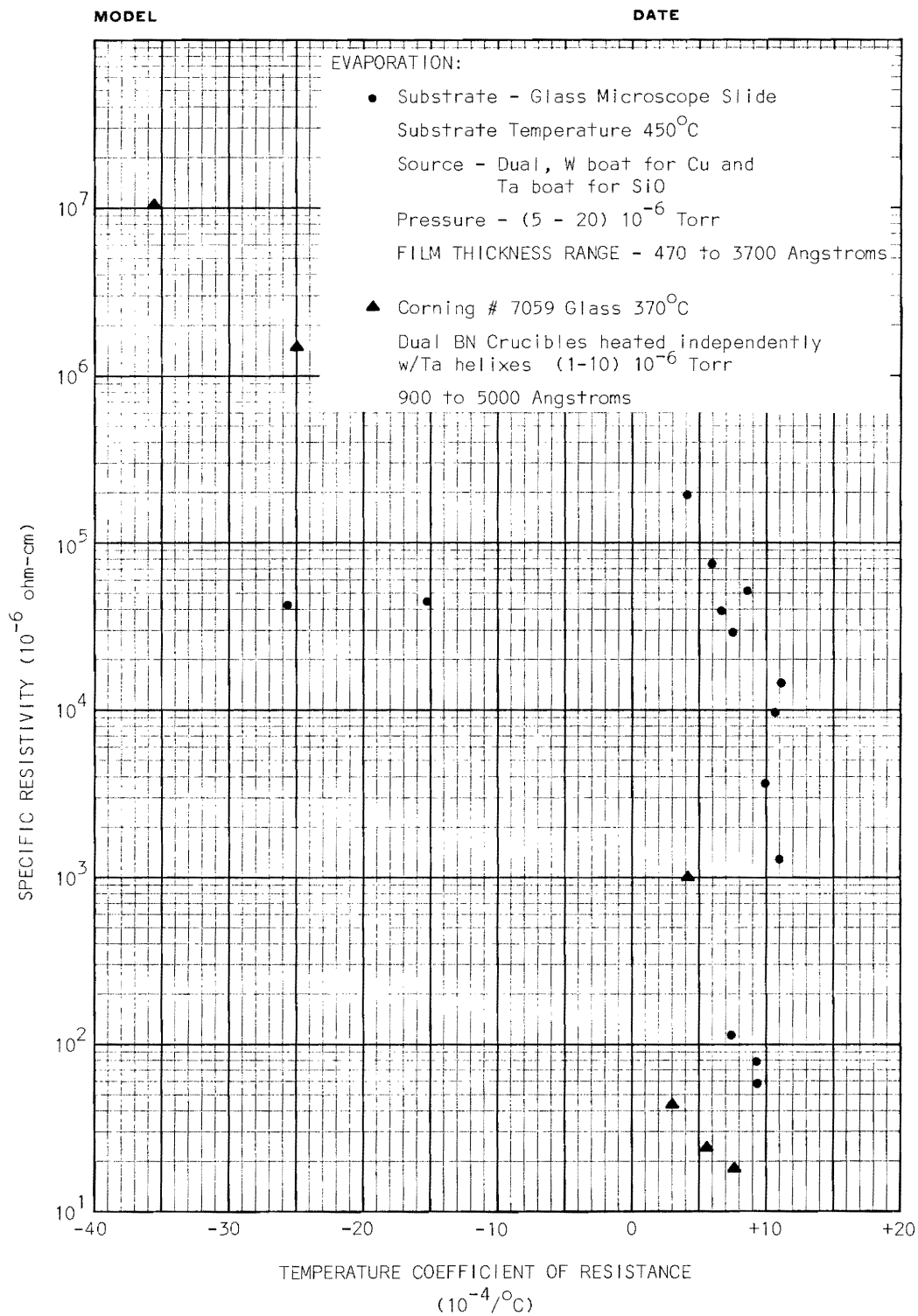


Figure 18. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Cu + SiO Films.

5.5 Films of Manganese-Silicon Monoxide. Manganese is a near neighbor of chromium in the Periodic Table. It was therefore considered as a suitable metal to co-evaporate with silicon monoxide, especially, since it and SiO sublimates over a common temperature range. Thirty-one films of this mixture were prepared by evaporations from a common source. The parameters of the films are given in Table I (Appendix) and summarized in Table V. Here again both resistivity and TCR varied over large ranges. The highest resistivity at low TCR was 3800 microhm-cm at $-46 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. Data plotted in Figure 19 indicate that resistivities near 10^4 microhm-cm should be obtainable at a TCR of about $-200 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. However, in the aging tests conducted subsequently the Mn+SiO films were less stable than Cr+SiO. In addition, the hardness of the films was inferior to Cr+SiO films.

6. Films of Borides and Silicides of Selected Metals

6.1 Introduction. A literature survey was made on the properties of metal borides and silicides. These materials are refractory and highly resistant to corrosion. The literature search revealed little information on films formed by evaporating the compounds. On the other hand, considerable information is available on the compounds and on films formed by vapor-pyrolysis techniques (references 6, 7, 8, and 9). The borides are metallic in nature and have low electrical resistivities and positive temperature coefficients of electrical resistance.⁷ Several compounds of the borides and silicides exhibit semi-conducting properties. In general, however, most of the metal borides and silicides are metallic conductors with room temperature resistivities in the range 6-200 microhm-cm.⁹ The metal borides of the group IV metals are better electrical conductors than their respective components⁶ in most cases. The electrical properties of several of these compounds are listed in references 7, 8, and 9.

The compounds silicon boride (B_4Si), niobium boride (NbB_2), nickel boride (NiB), titanium boride (TiB_2), chromium silicide (CrSi_2), and titanium silicide (TiSi_2) were obtained from commercial sources. Minimum purity of the materials was 98 percent. The selection of these materials was based on availability from stock and on reported vapor pressure characteristics of the respective constituents, among other properties. Figure 20 shows the vapor

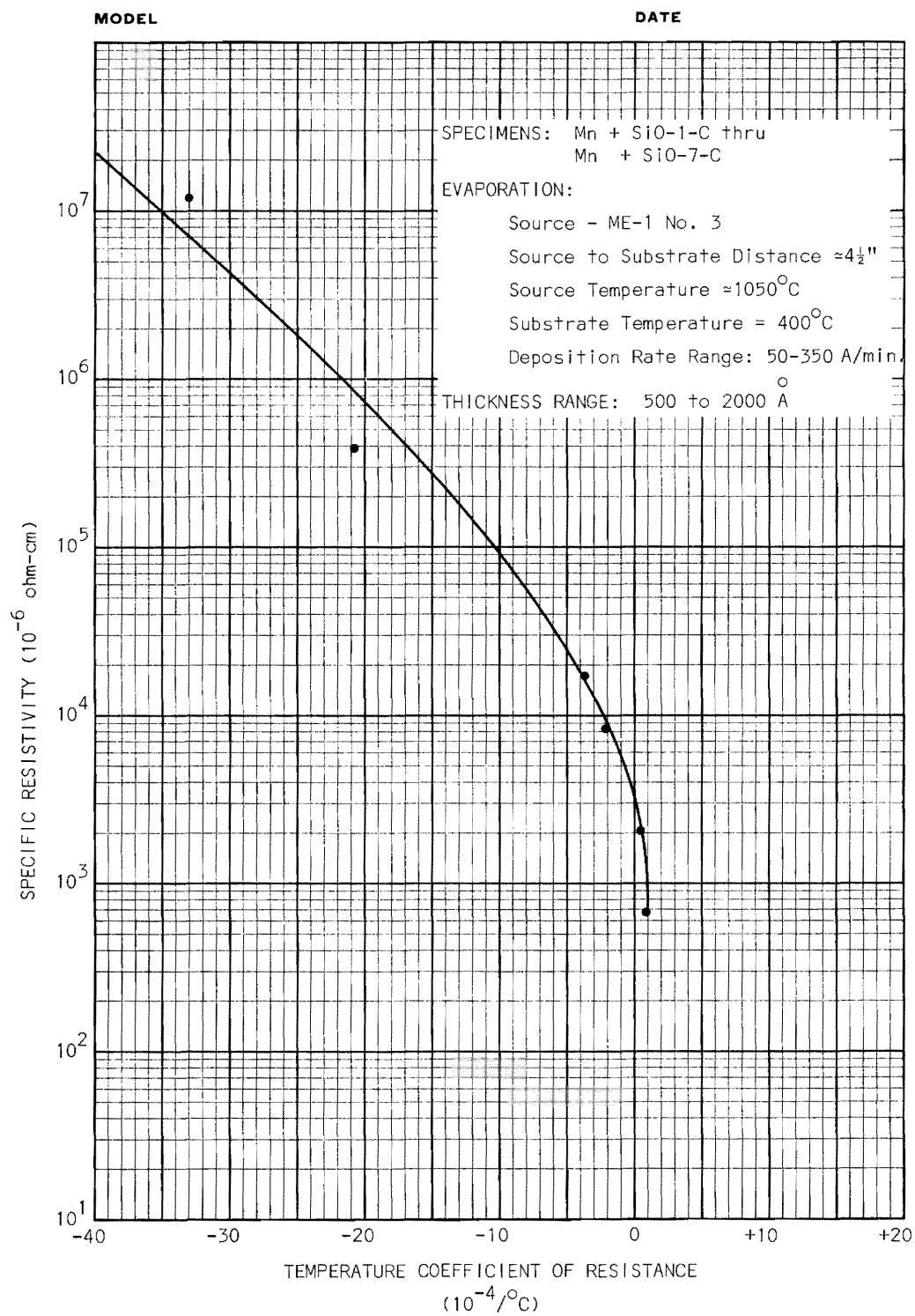


Figure 19. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Mn + SiO Films.

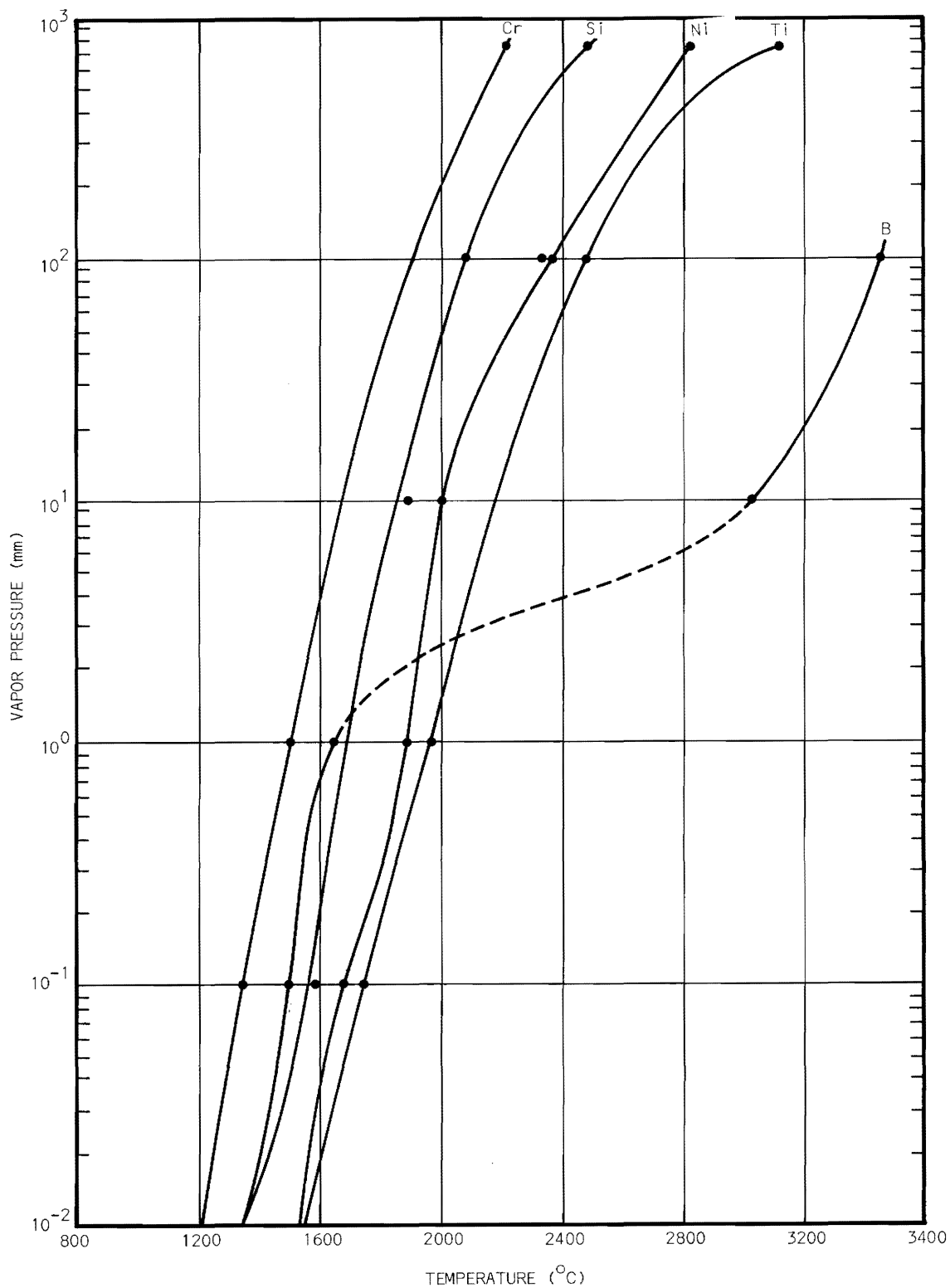


Figure 20. Vapor Pressure vs Temperature for Cr, B, Si, Ni, and Ti.

pressure of Cr, B, Si, Ni and Ti for the temperature range of 1200 to 3400 degrees Centigrade. The figure was prepared from a table of density and vapor pressure of common elements by R. P. Riegert and distributed by Sloan Instruments, Santa Barbara, California. NiB_2 was obtained in lump form from Alfa Inorganics, Inc. The remaining compounds were obtained from A. D. MacKay, Inc., New York City.

At temperatures between 1200 and 1700°C, vapor pressures of Si and B are nearly equal and of a magnitude for practical evaporation in this temperature range; hence, silicon boride should be vaporized with little change in composition. The vapor pressures of Cr, Ti, Ni, and Nb differ considerably from that of Si and B. Thus, considerable partial distillation of these would be expected during evaporations where sufficient disassociation of the compounds occurred. The vapor pressure curve of Boron is quite different from the other elements in the range for practical evaporations, in that, it flattens out in the temperature range of about 1700 to 2800°C. The melting point of 2300°C occurs near the center of the range. The vapor pressure curves of Ni and Ti cross that of Boron near 2000°C. Thus, at the points of intersections stoichiometric evaporations of the compounds should be possible; on the other hand, departure from stoichiometry would probably occur at temperatures above and below the points of intersection. It appeared feasible that the latter feature could be employed to produce high resistivity films of the boride materials by evaporating at temperatures which would result in boron enriched films. A number of elements with vapor pressure curves that intersect the boron curve in the region of low slope of the vapor pressure versus temperature plot are Pd, Y, V, and Zr. In general, the silicides are less refractory than the borides; therefore, materials of this species with relatively low melting points can be more readily evaporated. Also, silicide film resistors were expected to be more stable than the others because of the protective features of silicon oxide. Though a very limited number of films were prepared of the compounds, most of the discussed effects were observed to some degree.

6.2 Preparation of the Films. Electron beam apparatus was used to evaporate the compounds CrSi_2 , B_4Si , NbB_2 and TiB_2 . In addition, evaporations of CrSi_2 - TiSi_2 and CrSi_2 - B_4Si mixtures were made by electron beam techniques.

CrSi_2 and TiSi_2 were evaporated from resistively heated tungsten boats; similarly, Ni_2B was evaporated from tungsten baskets. Stable high resistivity films were prepared from most of the materials, and in general, the stability was enhanced by post-deposition baking of the films at elevated temperatures in air.

The electron beam evaporations were made with a Veeco Ve-B6C system. Evaporant charges were placed in a massive copper crucible. The electron gun was spaced at a distance of 10 inches from the crucible. At this distance, the beam diameter was about $1/2$ to $3/4$ inches with maximum electron density over a $3/8$ inch diameter spot at the center of the beam. The broadness of the beam aided in outgassing and melting powdered charges; however, due to the beam dispersion, the power density available at the crucible was diminished. The relatively large gun to evaporant distance minimized contamination of the gun from evaporant vapors. Contamination was minimized further by having a large metal plate with a small exit hole for the beam between the crucible and gun to shield the gun from evaporant vapor. These measures eliminated the need of frequent cleaning of the gun. The substrate to crucible distance was 8 inches for all of the electron beam evaporations. Figure 3 illustrates the arrangement of the apparatus in the bell jar. Upward evaporations were made with the tungsten sources at a substrate to source distance of about 4 inches.

Soon after deposition, the resistive parameters (resistance, R per square, and TCR) of the films were determined. Typical specimens were then selected for aging studies. To complete extended aging studies, measurements were continued for about two months beyond the originally specified contract period. The effects of post deposition baking on the films and subsequent stability were examined, also. Detailed fabrication and resistive parameter are given in Table I and summarized in Table V. Effects of post-deposition baking are shown in Tables II and II A.* A summary of aging results is given in Table III. The more pertinent aspects are discussed subsequently. In these studies no evaluations were made of noise characteristics or of thermoelectric potentials. The latter behavior should be examined, in particular, for boride films. In general, the films were not examined for semiconductor

* For Table IIA - see Appendix.

TABLE II

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING OF FILMS

| Specific Resistivity (microhm-Cm) | Resistor Series | No. Of Specimens | ΔR (%) | | | ΔTCR (%) | | | Remarks |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------------|------|------|-----------------------|
| | | | Lo | Avg | Hi | Lo | Avg | Hi | |
| Baked at 200°C 6 3/4 hours | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ² | Mn + SiO | 2 | 14 | 14.5 | 15 | 24.9 | 20 | | |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ³ | Mn + SiO | 2 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 24.9 | 66.4 | 108 | |
| Baked at 250°C for 6 1/2 & 10 1/2 hours | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ² | Cr + SiO | 1 | | 0 | | | 32 | | |
| | Mn + SiO | 1 | | 47 | | | 31 | | |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ³ | Cr + SiO | 1 | | 0.3 | | | 8 | | |
| | Mn + SiO | 2 | 66 | 68 | 70 | 17.2 | 26.1 | 35 | |
| Baked at 300°C ± 25°C for 3 to 16 hours | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ² | Cr + SiO | 2 | 0.0 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0 | 10 | 19 | At 325°C - 7 Hrs. |
| | CrSi ₂ | 2 | 0.47 | 2.34 | 4.2 | | | | At 300°C - 5 Hrs. |
| | V | 2 | 698. | 5,210. | 9,720. | 4600 | 7000 | 9500 | At 325°C - 10 Hrs. |
| (.5 < 1 ≤ 5)10 ³ | CrSi ₂ | 1 | 15. | | | | | | At 300°C - 5 Hrs. |
| | CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ | 2 | 2.29 | 5.2 | 8.1 | | | | At 300°C - 4 1/2 Hrs. |
| | TiSi ₂ | 2 | 27. | 28. | 29. | | | | At 300°C - 7 Hrs. |

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TABLE II (Continued)

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING OF FILMS

| Specific Resistivity (microhm-Cm) | Resistor Series | No. of Specimens | ΔR (%) | | | ΔTCR (%) | | | Remarks |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|----|------------------|-----|------|-----------------------|
| | | | Lo | Avg | Hi | Lo | Avg | Hi | |
| $(.5 < 1 \leq 5)10^4$ | Cr + SiO | 2 | 25 | 33 | 41 | 81 | 81 | 81 | At 325°C - 7 Hrs. |
| $(.5 < 1 \leq 5)10^5$ | CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si | 1 | 0.71 | | | | | | At 300°C - 4 1/2 Hrs. |
| | NbB ₂ | 1 | 170. | | | | | | At 300°C - 3 Hrs. |
| $(.5 < 1 \leq 5)10^6$ | Cr + SiO | 4 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 13 | 20 | 370 | 1350 | At 275°C - 16 Hrs. |

properties. These are not likely to exist in films with TCR values of low magnitude but would be suspected to occur in films of highly negative TCR or those having resistivities approaching that of semiconductors.

6.3 Silicon Boride Films. The electron beam apparatus was employed to evaporate silicon boride (B_4Si). A relatively thick film was deposited; it was transparent and had a yellowish to brownish appearance. An infinite resistance was obtained with ohmmeter probes applied to the film surface. Hence, this material alone is not believed to be a likely one for resistor fabrication. The film showed considerable resistance to scratching with a steel point; however, the hardness and adherence were not as good as that usually experienced with SiO films.

6.4 Niobium Boride Films. Niobium boride film resistors were deposited by evaporating the compound NbB_2 from a massive cooper crucible using an electron beam gun to heat the evaporant. Fifteen resistors NbB_2 -1 thru 15 were fabricated by this method of evaporation. Glass substrates, Corning type 7059, were used for specimens 1 and 2. Polished quartz substrates were used for specimens 3 thru 14, and a glass microscope slide was used for 15. The substrates were heated to $250^\circ C$ before initiating the evaporation process. Deposition periods of 10 minutes in length were used for the first eight specimens in the series. The remaining specimens were deposited in one to three minute intervals. According to reference (7), the resistivity of NbB_2 is 65.5 microhm-cm, and the compound has a positive temperature coefficient of resistance. Except for specimen NbB_2 -9, resistivity of the niobium boride films ranged from 1.03×10^5 to 1×10^6 microhm-cm with highly negative temperature coefficients of resistance, see Tables I and V. A much lower TCR value of $-4.76 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ C$ was obtained for NbB_2 -9; during this evaporation, the stainless steel shutter did not clear the path of the electron beam, and a portion of it was melted. Evidently, this accounted for the lower TCR value obtained.

In Table I, it can be seen that the TCR values shifted in a positive direction with increasing evaporant temperature corresponding to increasing electron beam power used to heat the evaporant. To obtain niobium boride films with small TCR values by this technique of evaporation, it is indicated that evaporant temperatures exceeding $2300^\circ C$ will be required. The electron

beam power fluctuated considerably during these evaporations. To obtain control over the resistivity of films deposited by this method, precise control of the electron beam power will be necessary. A plot of specific resistivity versus TCR for this species is shown in Figure 21.

From the variations in TCR and resistivity with beam power, it is apparent that distillation effects resulted in varying degrees of boron enrichment of the films compared to the compound formulation of the evaporant. This could not be verified by electron diffraction measurements. The electron diffraction patterns indicated that the films were amorphous.

Aging studies of specimens selected from the niobium boride series were conducted. Unprotected resistors and resistors baked in air at 300°C were stored in a 125°C oven to observe subsequent stability with time. The films have aged relatively poorly. The resistance of films with resistivities in the range of 10^5 to 10^6 microhm-cm increased an average of 125 percent during post-deposition baking at 300°C for 3 hours in air, and subsequent increases in value of 8 percent were obtained after aging for 1000 hours at 125°C. Niobium boride films of similar resistivities but unprotected increased in resistance from 4 to 9 percent after 1000 hours at 125°C; lower resistivity specimens of this series may show better aging characteristics. Figures 22 and 23 show typical aging during 1000 hours at 125°C. Post-deposition baking in air did not stabilize the films of this series. One would expect to obtain adequate passivation of the films with an over-layer of SiO.

It was interesting to note that the films of the first 8 specimens in the niobium boride series exhibited transparency to great thickness ranges. For example, NbB₂-1 and 2 had a thickness of 2,325 and 3,480 Angstroms, respectively, and to the naked eye showed a transparency similar to that normally observed for pure metal films of a thickness of about 1000 Angstroms. Pure metal films become opaque at a thickness of about 1500 Angstroms.

It is probable these films will have high thermoelectric coefficients; however, no tests were made to establish their thermoelectric properties or their sensitivity to light.

6.5 Nickel Boride Films: Evaporations of Nickel Boride, Ni₂B, were made from tungsten baskets in high vacuum. The evaporant was in the form of

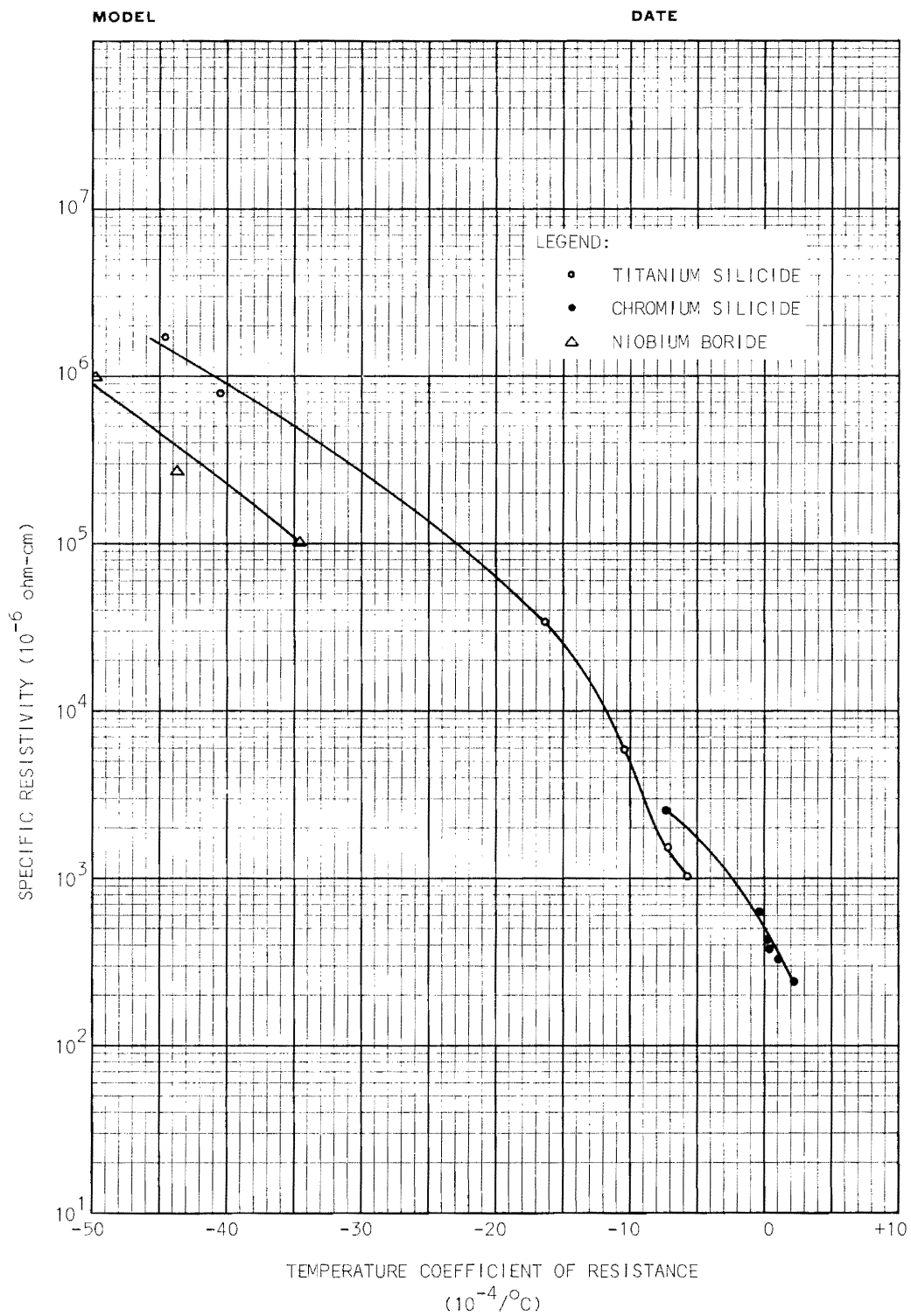


Figure 21. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Boride and Silicide Films.

SPECIMEN: NbB₂ -5

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/10/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: None

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 84,500 ohms

RESISTIVITY: R/sq = 8,450 ohms

$\rho = \approx 2.4 \times 10^5$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-40.3 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

AGING:

| TEST OR TREATMENT | DATE | | ΔR DURING TEST (%) | TCR AT END OF TEST ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | (FROM) | (TO) | | |
| TCR cycle #1 | $\approx 30'$ | to 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in AIR | -0.32 | |
| 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ Air Storage | | For 1000 hours | +4 | |

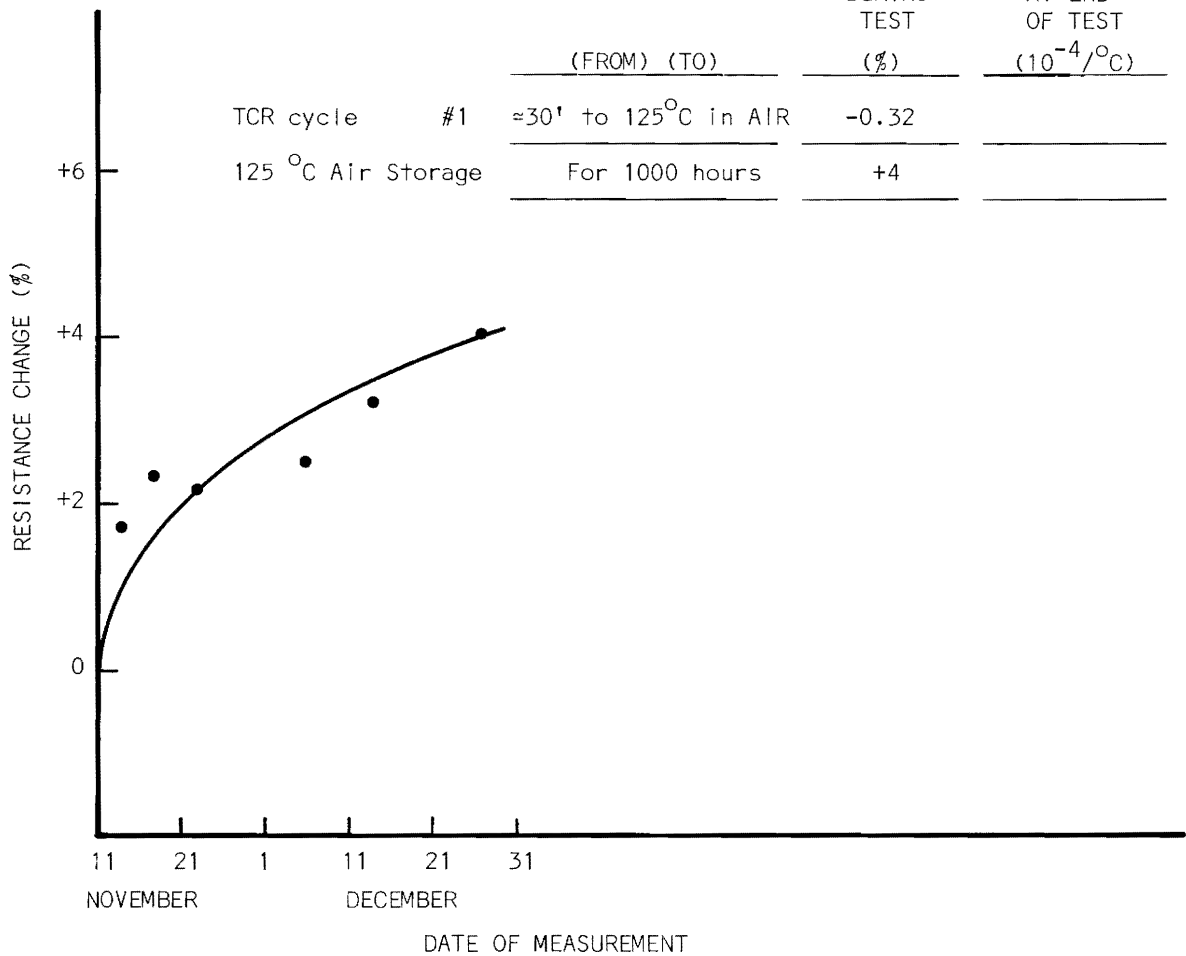


Figure 22. Resistance Aging at 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in Air of a Typical Unprotected NbB₂ Film.

SPECIMEN: NbB₂-8

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/10/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Air Bake

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 54,010 ohms

RESISTIVITY: R/sq = 5,400 ohms

$\rho = 8 \times 10^4$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-32.6 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION:

AGING:

| TEST OR TREATMENT | DATE | | ΔR DURING TEST (%) | TCR AT END OF TEST ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|---|---|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | (FROM) | (TO) | | |
| Air Bake: 300 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 3 hrs | 11/11/66 | | +170 | |
| TCR cycle #1 | $\approx 30'$ to 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in AIR | | -0.02 | (Before Bake) |
| 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ Air Storage | For 1000 hours | | +8 | |

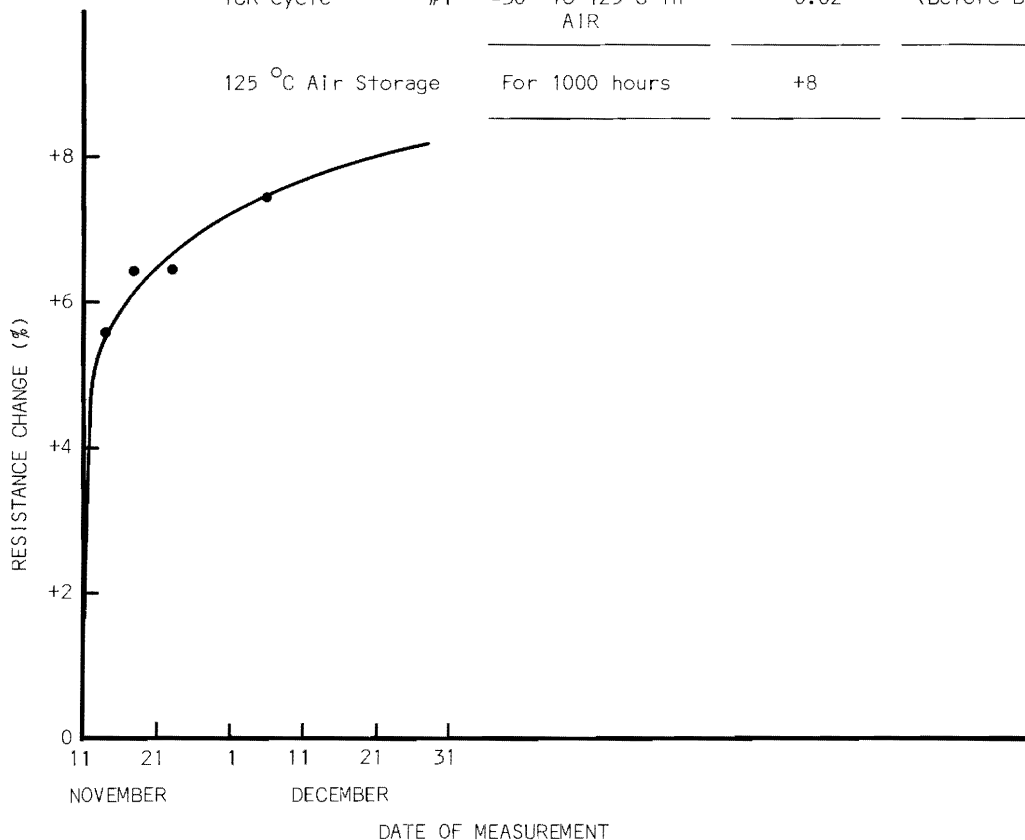


Figure 23. Resistance Aging at 125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in Air of a Typical NbB₂ Film Post-Baked in Air.

SPECIMEN: CrSi_2 -9

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 10/19/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: None

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 53.7 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 53.7$ ohms

$\rho = \approx 450$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $+0.59 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

AGING:

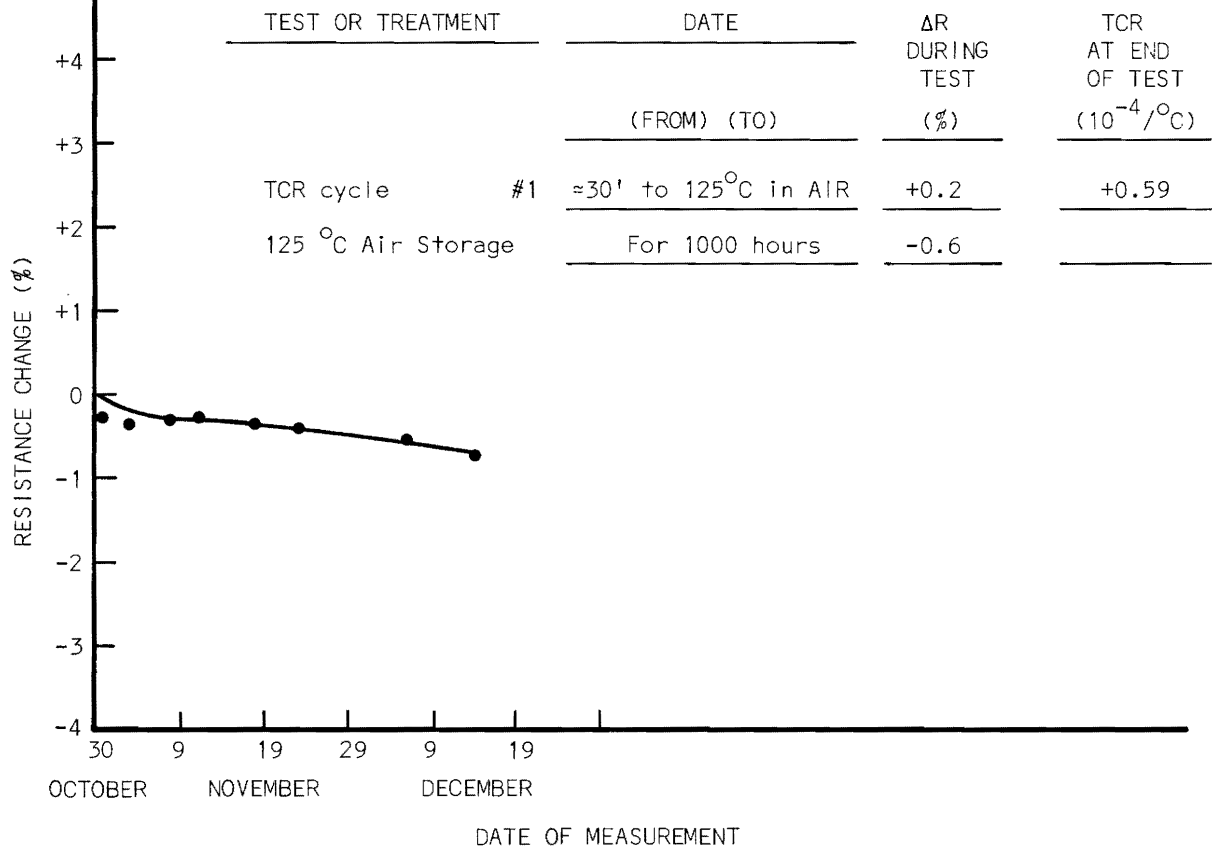


Figure 24. Resistance Aging at 125°C in Air of a Typical Unprotected CrSi_2 Film.

SPECIMEN: CrSi_2 -4

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 10/10/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Baked in Air

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 53.3 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 53.3$ ohms

$\rho = \approx 450$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $+0.59 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION: Cr_3Si

AGING:

| TEST OR TREATMENT | DATE | | ΔR DURING TEST (%) | TCR AT END OF TEST ($10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | (FROM) | (TO) | | |
| Air Bake: 300 $^\circ\text{C}$ 5 hrs | 10/25/66 | | +4.2 | |
| TCR cycle #1 | $\approx 30'$ | to 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ | 0.0 | Before Air Brake |
| 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ Air Storage | For 1000 hours | | +0.2 | |

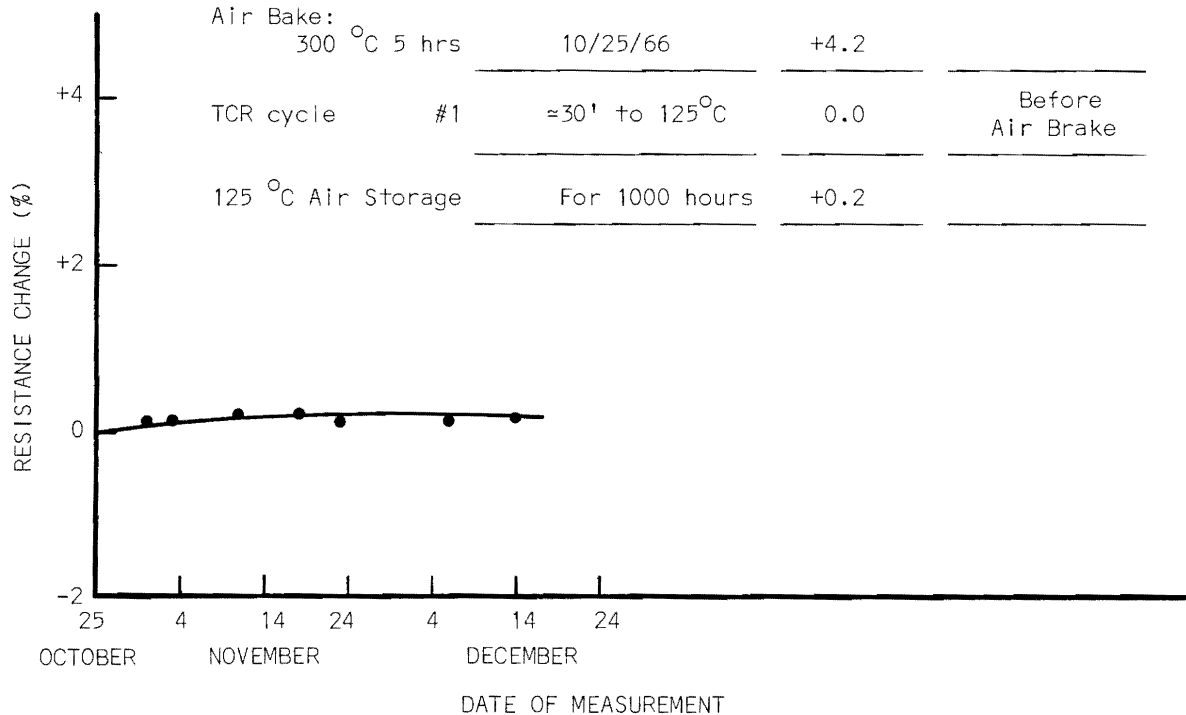


Figure 25. Resistance Aging at 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ in Air of a Typical CrSi_2 Film Post-Baked in Air.

chunks ranging from small pellets to a nominal diameter of 3/8 inches. The evaporant melted at a basket temperature of about 1200°C. According to (9), the melting point of Ni_2B is 1050°C. Specimen Ni_2B -1 was evaporated at temperatures near the melting point, and the evaporation rate was slow which resulted in a very thin film as indicated in Table I. Specimens Ni_2B -2 were evaporated at filament temperatures exceeding 1300°C but less than 1600°C. Electron diffraction analysis of grids coated simultaneously with the resistors indicated a composition of nickel. As indicated in Tables I and V the resistivity values were relatively low, and the TCR values were relatively high. It is apparent that stoichiometric Ni_2B films can not be obtained readily by evaporating the material at the source temperatures employed. Possibly source temperatures higher than 1600°C will result in nickel boride films more nearly approaching stoichiometric properties.

Extended aging studies of these films were not conducted. During the initial TCR measurements, the films increased in resistance by small percentages.

6.6 Titanium Boride. Of the silicide and boride compounds studies, Titanium Boride, TiB_2 , is one of the more refractory. Its melting point is about 2950°C. However, resistive films of the material were deposited on soft glass substrates by sublimation in high vacuum at considerably lower temperatures than the melting point. Five resistors were fabricated in groups of two and three in two electron beam evaporations from a powdered charge of TiB_2 . The respective substrate temperatures were 260°C and 370°C. The specimens were cooled to 75°C before removing from the vacuum chamber. The films of both depositions were severely reticulated in areas of direct contact with the glass substrate; however, no reticulation occurred where the films were over the pre-deposited chromium-gold terminals.

The TCR values of the films in the second deposition ranged from -430 ppm/°C to -172 ppm/°C. Because of surface roughness of the reticulated films thickness measurements could not be made with the interferometer used for this purpose; however, by visual observation it was obvious that all three films were much greater than 1500 Angstroms thick. Thus, from the known R/sq values the specific resistivity of the films were estimated to be $> 10^4$ microhm-cm.

Electron diffraction patterns were made of films deposited on grids during the two depositions. A strong Ti line was observed for the first deposition at (2 to 5.6)KW beam power. A pattern could not be obtained for the second deposition, and no identification of film composition was made. The beam power during this deposition was in the range (2 to 3.5)KW.

During the TCR measurements, the films were cycled to 125°C in air over an interval of 20 to 30 minutes, and the films increased in resistance by an average value of 11 percent. The poor aging probably resulted from the large area subject to oxidation due to high porosity and as a result of reticulation. The films were not placed on extended aging tests.

Films deposited at 370°C were somewhat less reticulated than those deposited on 250°C substrates. This indicated that the reticulation could probably be eliminated by using considerably higher substrate temperatures. The highly refractory nature of this material, its potentially inherent protection offered by the formation of a tenacious surface layer of oxide composed of oxides of titanium and boron, and its potentially attainable resistivity and TCR characteristics by evaporation or sputtering are very desirable features. The material is very promising for film resistor application provided a proper choice of substrate and substrate deposition temperature can eliminate the reticulation problem encountered.

6.7 Chromium Silicide Films. Chromium silicide film resistors were deposited by evaporating the compound CrSi_2 from tungsten boats at pressures of about 1×10^{-5} torr. The material sublimated at boat temperatures in the range 1300 to 1400°C which is slightly below its melting point of 1425°C. At the sublimation temperatures, some reaction of the evaporant with the tungsten boat occurred and a 5 mil thick boat was destroyed after 5 evaporations. At the melting point and above, the compound destroyed the tungsten boat rapidly; hence, evaporations from tungsten could not be made at temperatures above the melting point. The parameters of the chromium silicide films deposited are listed in Tables I and V. The substrate temperatures of specimens 1 through 3 were in the range of 375 to 450°C. Substrate temperatures during deposition of the remaining films were in the range of 275 to 350°C. Specimens CrSi_2 - 1, 2 and 3 were deposited in 1-1/2, 1, and 3 minute periods, respectively. A

10 minute deposition period was used for specimens CrSi_2 - 4, 5, 6, and 7. All of the substrates were Corning type 7059 glass. For analytical purposes, an electron microscope grid was coated simultaneously with deposition of each resistor slide.

A complete set of data was obtained for the first two specimens. As can be seen in Table I, the resistivity of the thinner film (320 \AA) was 615 microhm-cm. The thicker film had a specific resistivity of 332 microhm-cm and was 1350 \AA thick. The respective TCR values were $-36 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $+105 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$. The magnitude of the TCR is small for the resistivity range of 332 to 615 microhm-cm. TCR values of the first seven film resistors having a film composition of Cr_3Si ranged from $(-744 \text{ to } +125) \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$. Two additional chromium silicide resistors, CrSi_2 -8 and -9, were fabricated in this manner at the highest practicable evaporation rate for the tungsten boat used. The TCR values of these were $+229 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $+59 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$, respectively. A resistivity of 246 microhm-cm was obtained for CrSi_2 -8; this was the lowest resistivity obtained for the chromium silicide series.

The electron beam apparatus was used to evaporate CrSi_2 at slightly above its melting point. Two resistors, CrSi_2 -12 and 13 were prepared by evaporating from a melt of CrSi_2 . Average TCR and resistivity values were $+351 \pm 50 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ and $408 \pm 10 \text{ microhm-cm}$. In Figure 21, it may be seen that these points fit a curve of resistivity versus TCR of the specimens prepared previously with the tungsten boat evaporations.

An electron diffraction analysis of films deposited on grids with the CrSi_2 resistors indicated a film composition of Cr_3Si for the first five evaporations from a tungsten boat. On the other hand, a strong chromium composition was obtained for the electron beam evaporation from the melt.

According to reference (9) CrSi_2 is a semiconductor. The fact that films deposited from the compound show metallic conduction properties is further evidence that the films are of different composition than the evaporant and that partial distillation effects occurred at the source.

The lower resistivity and higher TCR values (more positive) were obtained for films where sublimation of the CrSi_2 was conducted at just below its melting point from tungsten boats and for evaporation from the melt with an electron beam. The higher resistivity and negative TCR values were obtained at slightly

lower evaporation temperatures of about 1300°C from tungsten boats. Figure 21 shows that for these specimens the resistivity increased from 250 microhm-cm at a TCR of +220 ppm/°C to 2,500 microhm-cm at a TCR of -700 ppm/°C. At zero TCR the resistivity was about 500 microhm-cm.

The chromium silicide films were hard and strongly adherent to glass substrates. Aging characteristics were superior, also. After 1000 hours at 125°C in air, the maximum change in resistance obtained was a decrease in resistance of 2 percent for unprotected films. A maximum increase in resistance of 0.55 percent was obtained after 1000 hours at 125°C for films baked in air at 300°C after deposition. During the initial TCR measurements, the chromium silicide films usually decreased slightly in resistance; this tendency to decrease in value during aging indicates that the films were not completely annealed during the deposition phase. A summary of the aging of the films appears in Table III. Figures 24 and 25 are typical aging curves.

In Tables II and II A, the changes in resistance during post-deposition baking are given. The maximum change in resistance during the bake was an increase in resistance of 15 percent for CrSi₂-6. In general, the changes in resistance were less. One film, CrSi₂-5, decreased in value by 0.47 percent. For most resistor application, post-deposition baking should not be required for properly annealed films. However, to meet stability requirements of 1 percent or less, post-deposition baking or other methods of passivation are recommended. Post-deposition baking has an advantage in that, in addition to annealing and passivating, it can be used to trim resistors in a positive direction by oxidation to a specified value. From a fabrication standpoint, it would be desirable to passivate and adjust the resistors to value at room temperature; one might achieve this by anodization techniques; both chromium and silicon form anodic films.¹⁰

From a standpoint of ease of fabrication, stability, and low magnitude of TCR, chromium silicide is recommended highly for film resistor application that can be met by films of medium specific resistivity. In general, the resistivity of these films in the ±500 ppm/°C range of TCR is about an order of magnitude higher than that usually reported for pure tantalum films deposited

by diode sputtering. Before serious consideration is given to using the material as precision resistors, the thermoelectric and noise properties should be established.

6.8 Titanium Silicide Films. Twelve titanium silicide resistors were deposited by heating a powder of the compound TiSi_2 in a tungsten boat at temperatures in the range 1400° to 1600°C . Sublimation of the compound occurred in this range of boat temperatures. The boat temperatures were measured with a pyrometer and appear to be in slight disagreement with the reported melting temperature of 1500°C for TiSi_2 ; however, the temperature of the powder was probably less than that of the boat because of losses in heat transfer between the two. At temperatures $> 1600^\circ\text{C}$ gas evolution blew portions of the powder from the boat. Parameters of the deposited films are listed in Table I. Electron diffraction analysis of the first 10 films indicated a film composition of TiSi_2 plus free Si. Analyses of TiSi_2 -11 and -12 indicated that these films were composed primarily of TiSi_2 . The highest boat temperature and resultant evaporation rate were used for these two films. It is apparent that fractional distillation of the compound occurred at the source when heated to the lower range of temperatures employed; hence, silicon enrichment of the deposited film occurred. As the boat temperature was increased, the film properties approached the bulk properties of the evaporant. Due to excessive spitting of the TiSi_2 powder, attempts to melt and evaporate the material with an electron beam gun were unsuccessful.

By varying the boat temperature, a wide range of TCR values were obtained. TCR values of $-10.3 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ to $-3.61 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ were characteristic for boat temperatures in the range of 1500 to 1600°C . Correspondingly, the specific resistivity varied from $6,000$ to $1,000$ microhm-cm. Values of TCR from $-45 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ to $-10.3 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$ were obtained by varying the boat temperature in the range $1,400$ to $1,500^\circ\text{C}$. A plot of the resistivity versus TCR of this species is included in Figure 21. It appears that the resistivity of this species will be lower near zero TCR than that obtained for CrSi_2 . To reproduce resistors of the titanium silicide species at a given TCR or resistivity value, precision control of boat and substrate temperatures will be required.

The films exhibited excellent adherence to glass substrates and were quite hard. Typical specimens were placed on aging at 125°C in air for a minimum period of 1000 hours. Both unprotected and post-deposition baked films were included in the aging studies. Two unprotected resistors with resistivities in the range $(0.5 < \rho \leq 5) \times 10^3$ microhm-cm increased in resistance by 17 percent after 1000 hours of aging; whereas, similar films baked in air at 300°C for 5 hours after deposition increased in resistance an average of 0.35 percent. In the unprotected state the resistors increased in value 1 to 20 percent during the initial TCR measurements where they were cycled to 125°C in air over a period of about 30 minutes. During the post-deposition baking at 300°C, the resistance values increased by approximately 28 percent. Figures 26 and 27 show the typical aging of the films.

It can be concluded from the aging data that post-deposition baking or other methods of passivating, such as anodization, will be required for the titanium silicide films, and that the films can be stabilized by baking in air. The low aging of the post-baked films was about equal to that obtained for similarly treated chromium silicide films. However, the films were not as resistant to oxidation in the unprotected state as were the latter.

6.9 Chromium Silicide-Titanium Silicide Films. Seven Chromium Silicide-Titanium Silicide resistors were fabricated by evaporating a mixture of CrSi_2 and TiSi_2 powders. The powders were mixed in a 1:1 mass ratio. This was placed in a massive copper crucible and melted with an electron beam. Evaporations were then made from the molten pool of the material. The seven resistors were deposited during three successive evaporations with a beam power of (2-3)KW, (3-3.5)KW, and 4KW, respectively. The same melt was used for all three depositions and only a very small portion was evaporated. Other fabrication details are listed in Table I.

A carbon coated copper electron microscope grid was placed adjacent to resistors $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ -3 and 4 during the first deposition at (2-3)KW of beam power. Electron diffraction analysis of the grid indicated a film composition of CrSi_2 , only. There was no evidence of titanium or titanium silicide.

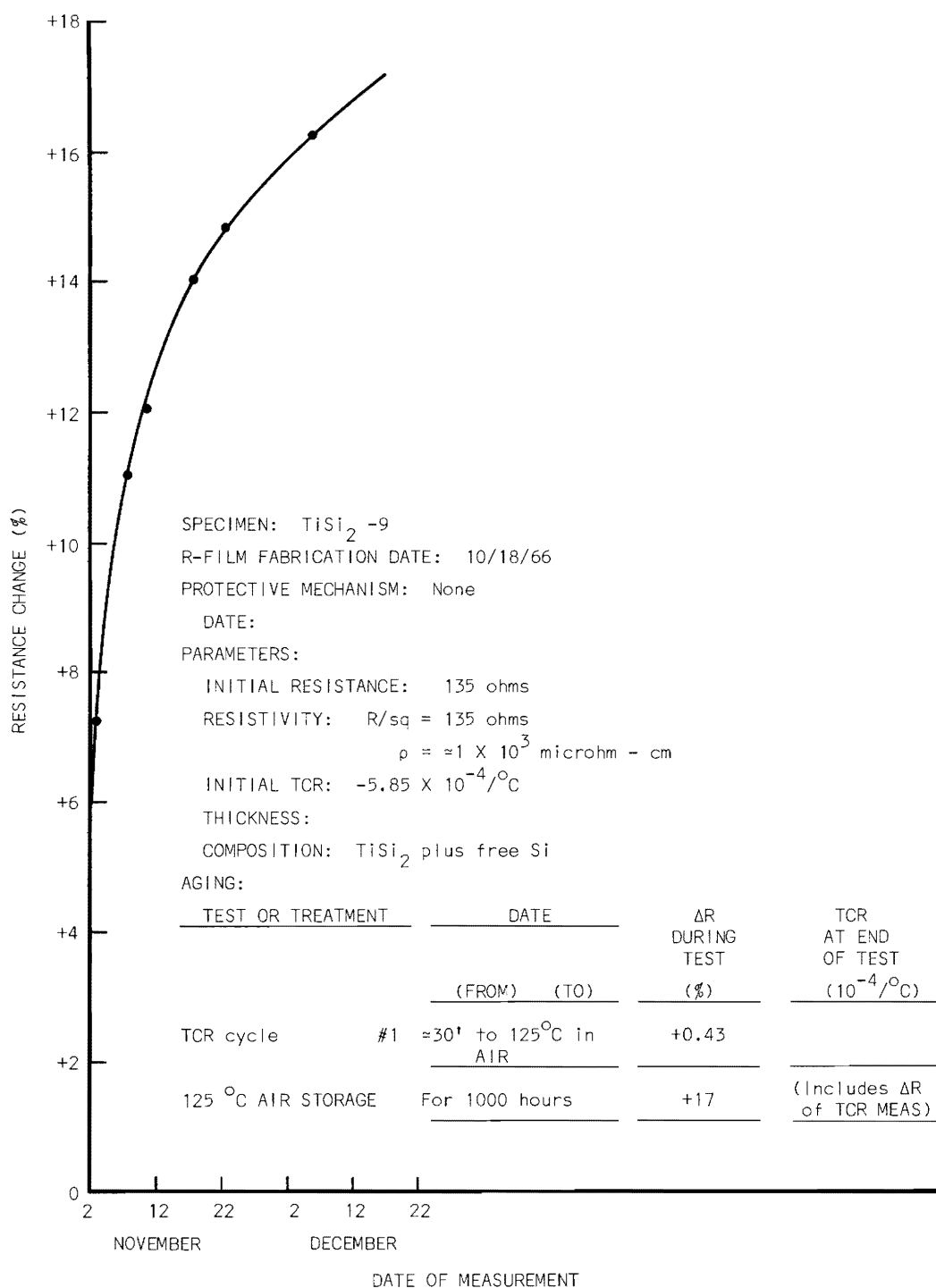


Figure 26. Resistance Aging at 125°C in Air of a Typical Unprotected TiSi_2 Film.

SPECIMEN: TiSi_2 -12

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 10/31/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Air Bake

DATE: 11/1/66

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 110 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 110$ ohms

$\rho \approx 1 \times 10^3$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-5.13 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION: TiSi_2 plus free Si

AGING:

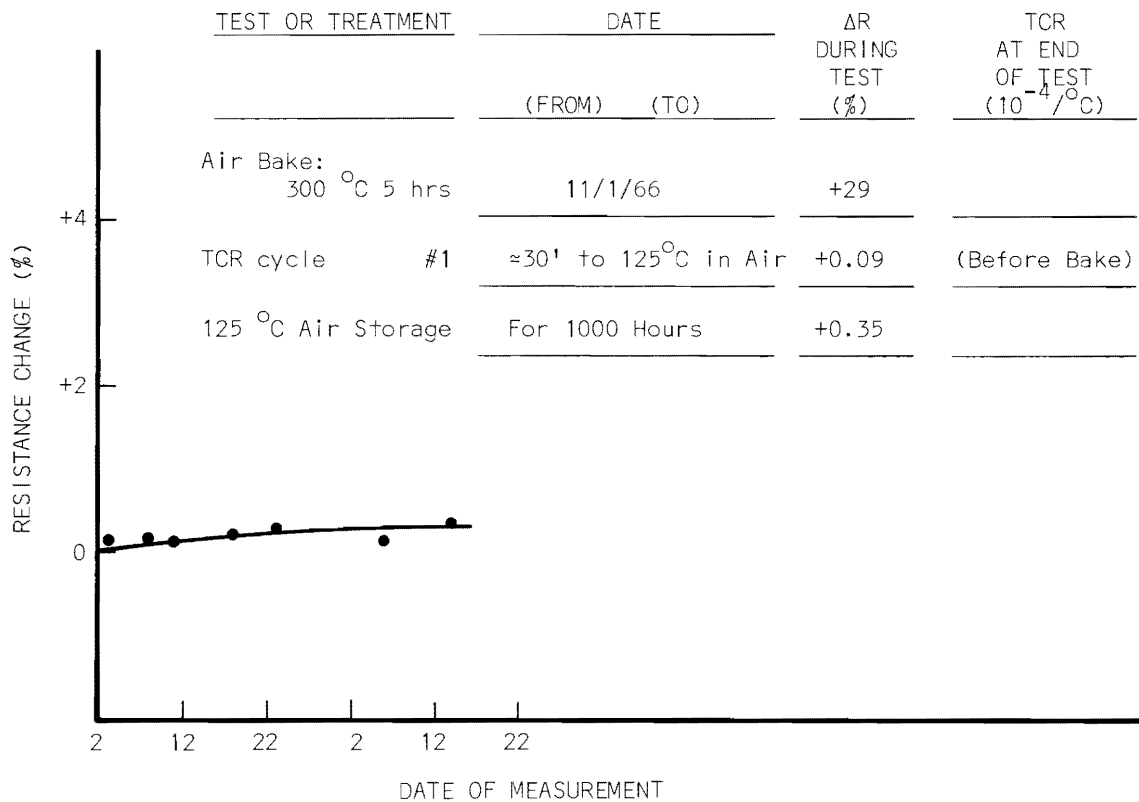


Figure 27. Resistance Aging at 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ in Air of a Typical TiSi_2 Film Post-Baked in Air.

The resistive parameters of the films were definitely related to the beam power during evaporation. The dependence was as follows:

| Electron Beam Power (KW) | Average Specific Resistivity (microhm-cm) | Average TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 2 to 3 | 3,560 | -4.4 |
| 3 to 3.5 | 1,150 | -1.4 |
| 4 | 800 | -3 |

Considering the possible distillation effects and the film analysis by electron diffraction, it is believed that the $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ films deposited at the highest beam power had the highest content of chromium and titanium with respect to the silicon; on the other hand, in the first two depositions at lower evaporant temperatures, titanium was probably evaporated in considerably less proportions with respect to the other components of the evaporant.

After deposition and initial measurements, two specimens, $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ -6 and 8, were baked in air at 300°C for 4 1/2 hours; subsequent to this protective measure, they were stored in the 125°C aging ovens for stability studies. One specimen, $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ -9, was placed on aging without taking any protective measures. As indicated in Figures 28 and 29, aging of both the unprotected and post-baked films was small indeed.

6.10 Chromium Silicide-Silicon Boride Films. Three resistors were fabricated by evaporating a mixture of CrSi_2 and B_4Si powders. The mixture was 2 parts by mass of CrSi_2 and one part B_4Si . The charge was heated to sublimation temperatures with an electron beam at a beam power of 1/4 to 1 KW. Due to excessive spitting of the B_4Si component the temperature could not be increased to form a melt of the powders. Other fabrication details are listed in Table I. The three resistors ($\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{B}_4\text{Si}$ - 1, 2, and 3) deposited during this evaporation had an average TCR of $-2500 \text{ ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ with an average resistivity of 93,600 microhm-cm.

Because of the spitting of the B_4Si component in the above charge, a different approach was tried for melting the two compounds together. A quantity of CrSi_2 powder was pre-melted and the slug was placed on a bed of B_4Si powder. The CrSi_2 was then melted by directing the beam to the slug; however, the melted CrSi_2 remained as a ball of liquid on top of the B_4Si powder, and wetting of

the B_4Si powder could not be obtained in this manner. Stray portions of the electron beam caused some spitting of the B_4Si . $CrSi_2 + B_4Si$ - 4, 5, and 6, were deposited in this manner. It appeared that very little if any, of the B_4Si was evaporated, and it can be seen in Table I that the resistive parameters of the films were essentially equal to those obtained for the $CrSi_2$ series.

No further attempts were made to evaporate $CrSi_2 + B_4Si$ mixtures because of the unsuccessful efforts to obtain a common melt of the compounds and the excessive spitting of the B_4Si powders. It may be possible to obtain a common melt by reducing considerably the proportion of B_4Si in a powder mixture of the materials.

Two films of the first series were selected for aging studies at $125^\circ C$ in air. One was placed on aging without any additional protective measures and the other one was baked at $300^\circ C$ in air prior to aging.

During 1000 hours of aging at $125^\circ C$, the unprotected film and post-deposition baked film aged about equally well. Two unprotected films were studied during the extended aging. One increased in resistance by 1 percent and the other decreased in resistance by 2 percent. The film baked in air at $300^\circ C$ for $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours prior to aging studies increased in resistance by 1 percent. Thus, for similar treatment the higher resistivity films of this series aged slightly more than did the lower resistivity films of the previously discussed $CrSi_2$, $TiSi_2$, and $CrSi_2 + TiSi_2$ series. The extended aging at $125^\circ C$ of the $CrSi_2 + B_4Si$ species is represented in Figures 30 and 31.

6.11 Comments on the Silicide Series. It is interesting to compare films of the $CrSi_2 + TiSi_2$ series with the chromium silicide series and titanium silicide series. A film composition of Cr_3Si was obtained for $CrSi_2$ evaporated from tungsten boats at temperatures of about $1350^\circ C$, and a strong chromium composition was obtained for $CrSi_2$ evaporated from the melt by an electron beam at 2.6 KW. On the other hand, a film composition of $CrSi_2$ was obtained for the first deposition of $CrSi_2 + TiSi_2$ at an average beam power of 2.5 KW. Hence, it may be seen that the addition of $TiSi_2$ to the $CrSi_2$ resulted in a product which was composed largely of $CrSi_2$ in spite of the high source temperature.

SPECIMEN: $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ -9
 R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/28/66
 PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: None

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 563 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 56.3$ ohms

$\rho = \approx 800$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-2.86 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION:

AGING:

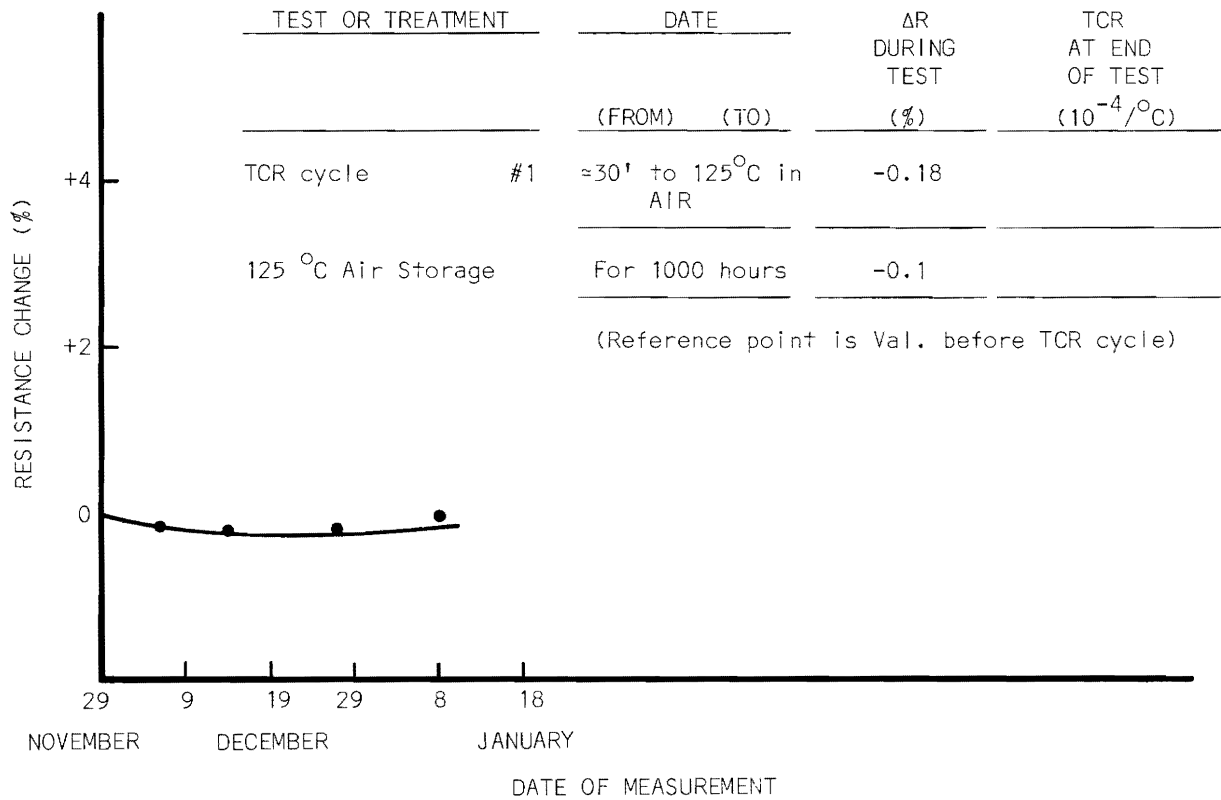


Figure 28. Resistance Aging at 125°C in Air of a Typical Unprotected $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ Film.

SPECIMEN: $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ -8

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/28/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Air Bake

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 598 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 59.8$ ohms

$\rho \approx 800$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-3.1 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION:

AGING:

| TEST OR TREATMENT | DATE | | ΔR DURING TEST (%) | TCR AT END OF TEST ($10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$) |
|--|---|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | (FROM) | (TO) | | |
| Air Bake: 300 $^\circ\text{C}$ 4½ hrs | 11/29/66 | | -2.29 | |
| TCR cycle #1 | $\approx 30'$ to 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ in AIR | | -0.17 | (Before Bake) |
| 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ Air Storage | For 1000 hours | | +0.3 | |

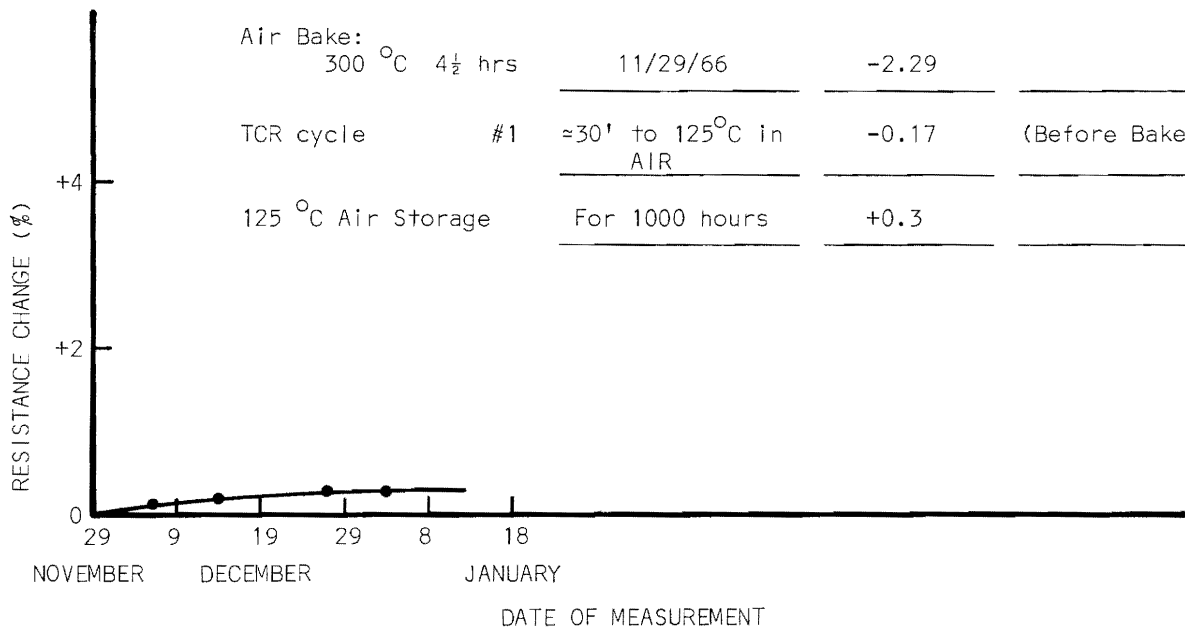


Figure 29. Resistance Aging at 125 $^\circ\text{C}$ in Air of a Typical $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ Film Post-Baked in Air.

In addition, the generally higher film resistivity of the $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ mixture may be observed in the data. For instance, from Figure 21 and Table V, the resistivity of the CrSi_2 series was 1,600 microhm-cm at a TCR of $-4.4 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$; hence, the latter resistivity is slightly less than half that of the films of the $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ series for the same value of TCR. The resistivity of the TiSi_2 series at this TCR is about 800 microhm-cm (a projected value of Figure 21) compared to about 3600 microhm-cm for the $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$.

The evaporation methods and relative ease of evaporating CrSi_2 , $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$, and TiSi_2 can be profitably compared. CrSi_2 and TiSi_2 were readily sublimated from tungsten boats at temperatures slightly below their respective melting points of 1425°C and $\approx 1500^\circ\text{C}$. From these evaporations it was apparent that the TCR and resistivity values were dependent on boat temperature. Attempts to evaporate CrSi_2 and TiSi_2 at or above their respective melting points from tungsten boats were not successful. Upon melting, the CrSi_2 quickly reacted with the boat and destroyed it. As the melting point of the TiSi_2 was approached, excessive spitting of the powder occurred. Both CrSi_2 and $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ were evaporated from melts of the respective charges with the electron beam gun, and again it was evident that composition, TCR, and resistivity were dependent on the evaporant temperature. Since CrSi_2 destroyed tungsten boats at or above their melting points, it was assumed that the same thing would occur with $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$. Because of excessive spitting of powdered charges of TiSi_2 , it could not be evaporated readily with the electron beam gun.

Though only a few depositions were made for each of the materials, it was evident that reproducibility of resistive parameters can be maintained by controlling the evaporant and substrate temperatures during deposition.

A minimum substrate temperature of 400°C is recommended for all three materials. To evaporate CrSi_2 , either a tungsten boat or electron beam can be used to produce films with TCR values ranging from $-800 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ to $+200 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$. To obtain $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ films with TCR values in the range of $-500 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ to $-100 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$, electron beam evaporations are recommended. A tungsten boat is satisfactory for sublimating TiSi_2 to fabricate film resistors with TCR values in the range of $-5,000 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ to $-500 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$. The resistivity of films prepared from either of the materials was much higher than that which

can be obtained from elemental metal films. Another variable in the evaporation of $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ that will affect the resistive parameters of the films is the mass ratio of the constituent compounds in the powdered mixture. This ratio was not intentionally varied during this research.

The aging of the $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ was very low, being quite similar to the CrSi_2 series. The summary of aging during post-deposition baking appears in Table II. Aging at 125°C is summarized in Table III. The higher resistivity of the chromium silicide-titanium silicide mixture leads to a preference of this material over CrSi_2 or TiSi_2 for resistor application, see Table V.

7. Films of Niobium and Titanium Nitride

A few films of niobium nitride and of titanium nitride were prepared. The preparation details and parameters of the films are given in Table I (Appendix). The films of niobium nitride gave resistivities in the range 2900 to 6600 microhm-cm and TCR values of -360 to $-570 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$. The molten material destroyed the tantalum boat in only a few evaporations.

Nine films of titanium nitride were prepared. The maximum resistivity obtained was about 2070 microhm-cm with a negative TCR of $-740 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$. The data obtained are plotted in Figure 32. It is evident that neither of these materials compare well as resistive materials with some of the previously discussed ones such as $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$.

8. Film Aging Studies

As noted in Section II A 3, films were subjected to certain annealing, passivating, or overcoating technique in order to improve their aging properties. The effects of post-deposition baking on the resistive parameters are shown in Table II A of the Appendix and are summarized in Table II. As discussed in Section II A 4, the resistance parameters of selected resistors were monitored during extended periods of storage in air at 125°C , and the resultant data were recorded, tabulated and analyzed. A change in resistance of less than 1 percent after 1000 hours was considered excellent. A few films prepared early in the program were aged at 125°C for only a few hours, and during TCR measurements all specimens were cycled to 125°C in air. The aging at 125°C in air is summarized in Table III.

In general, aging increased with increasing resistivity for a given species of films. For this reason, the variously treated materials can be best compared in Table III by considering common resistivity ranges.

SPECIMEN: $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{B}_4\text{Si} -2$

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/23/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: None

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 11,448 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 1,145$ ohms

$\rho = \approx 93,600$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-25.2 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION:

AGING:

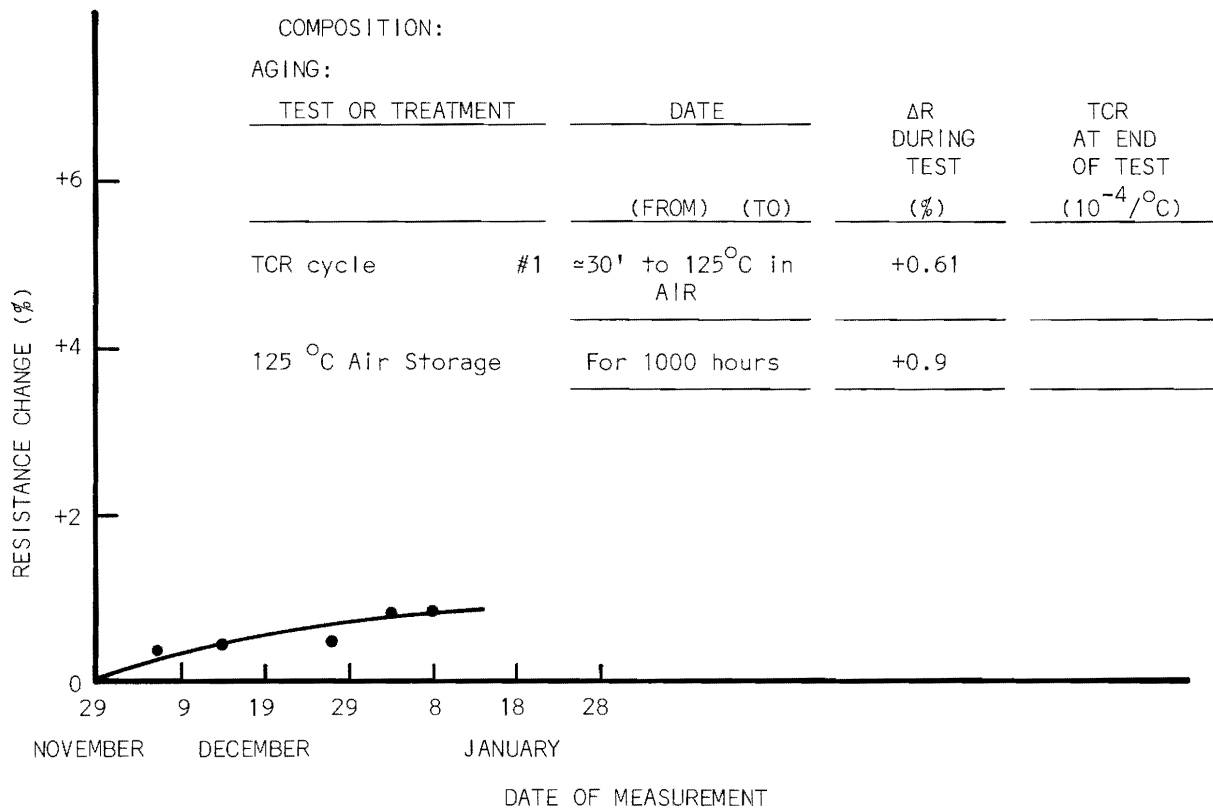


Figure 30. Resistance Aging at 125°C in Air of a Typical Unprotected $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{B}_4\text{Si}$ Film.

SPECIMEN: $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{B}_4\text{Si} -1$

R-FILM FABRICATION DATE: 11/23/66

PROTECTIVE MECHANISM: Air Bake

DATE:

PARAMETERS:

INITIAL RESISTANCE: 15,471 ohms

RESISTIVITY: $R/\text{sq} = 1,547$ ohms

$\rho = \approx 93,600$ microhm - cm

INITIAL TCR: $-25 \times 10^{-4}/^\circ\text{C}$

THICKNESS:

COMPOSITION:

AGING:

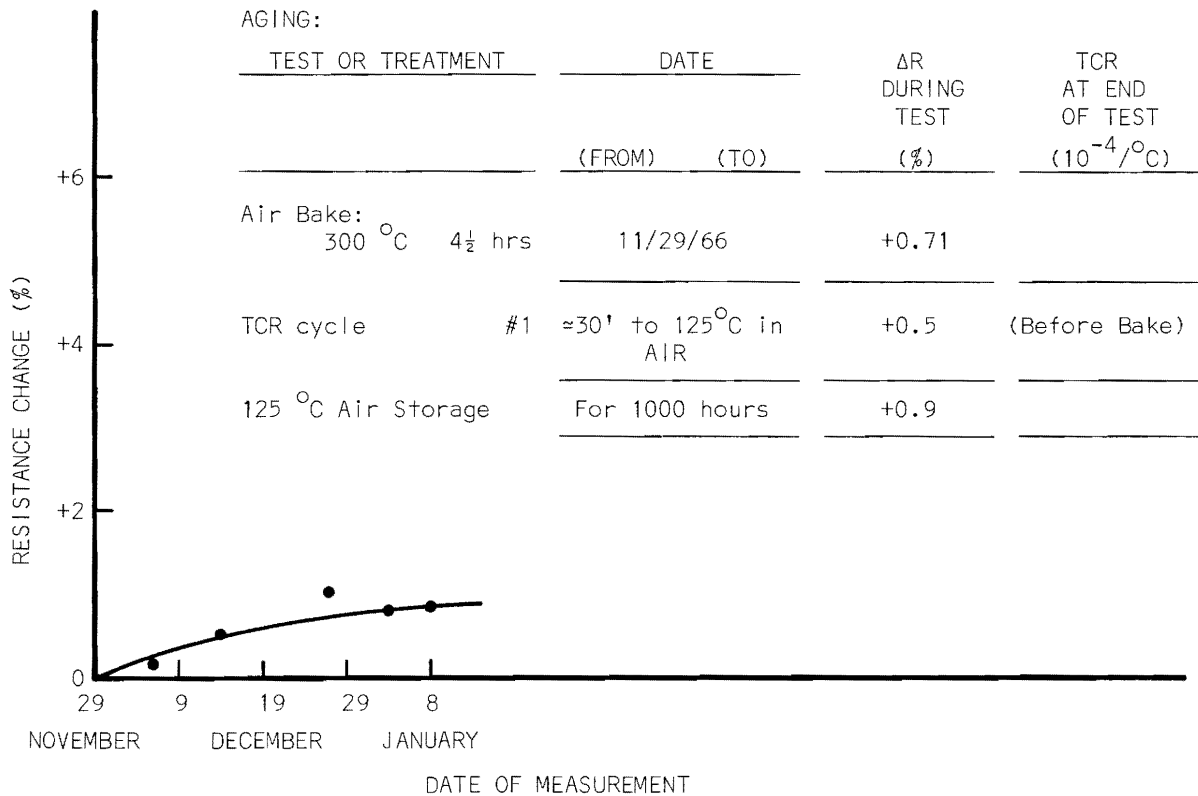


Figure 31. Resistance Aging at 125°C in Air of a Typical $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{B}_4\text{Si}$ Film Post-Baked in Air.

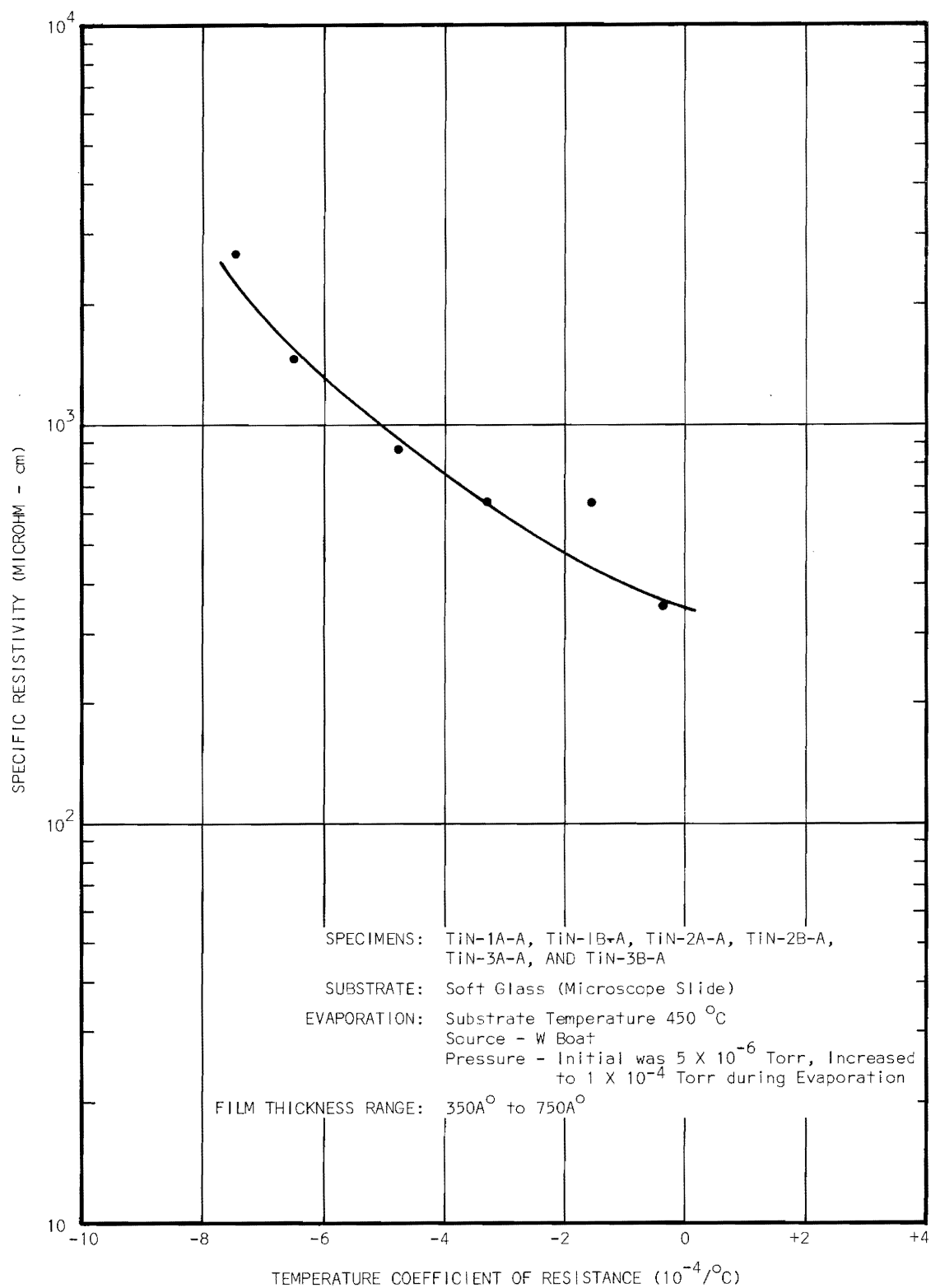


Figure 32. Specific Resistivity vs TCR of Evaporated Titanium Nitride Films.

The relation between aging rate and resistivity for a given material is best illustrated by Figures 33 and 34 for chromium-silicon monoxide films in unpassivated and passivated states and in Figure 35 for films of manganese-silicon monoxide in similar states. The superiority of the passivated Cr + SiO films above the other varieties is remarkable and changes of only a few tenths of a percent were noted for films of 10^4 microhm-cm after 1000 hours at 125°C. Comparatively, the Mn + SiO film changes were large even after the films were protected by an overlayer of silicon monoxide.

Aging of the Boride and Silicide films were discussed in section II B, 6 in the respective discussion for each material studied. Typical changes in resistance with time are shown in Figures 22 through 31. Of particular interest, was the similarity of behavior of the CrSi₂ films during extended aging to that of Cr + SiO films. With respect to aging, the silicide films were, essentially, as good as the Cr + SiO films; that is, except for TiSi₂, where this was true only after post-baking. With respect to the silicides and Cr + SiO, niobium boride films aged poorly.

9. Structures of the Films

Selected specimens of the various films were examined by electron diffraction and microscopy and by x-ray diffraction. Entries have been made in Table I (Appendix) in the column headed "composition" for the films examined.

For some materials it will be observed that where a single compound was evaporated from the source, it was partially reduced and the diffraction rings of the free metal usually appear in the electron diffraction pattern. An extreme example of this occurred in the case of nickel boride resulting in a specimen with low resistivity and a high positive TCR. Here the film specimen must have been essentially the metal, nickel. On the other hand, for niobium boride no clearly defined diffraction rings were obtained, indicating the amorphous nature of the compound which is also reflected in the high resistivities and large negative TCR values measured. Most materials fell within these extremes and the near amorphous structures of films with desirable electrical properties made diffraction pattern interpretation difficult for many of the specimens prepared.

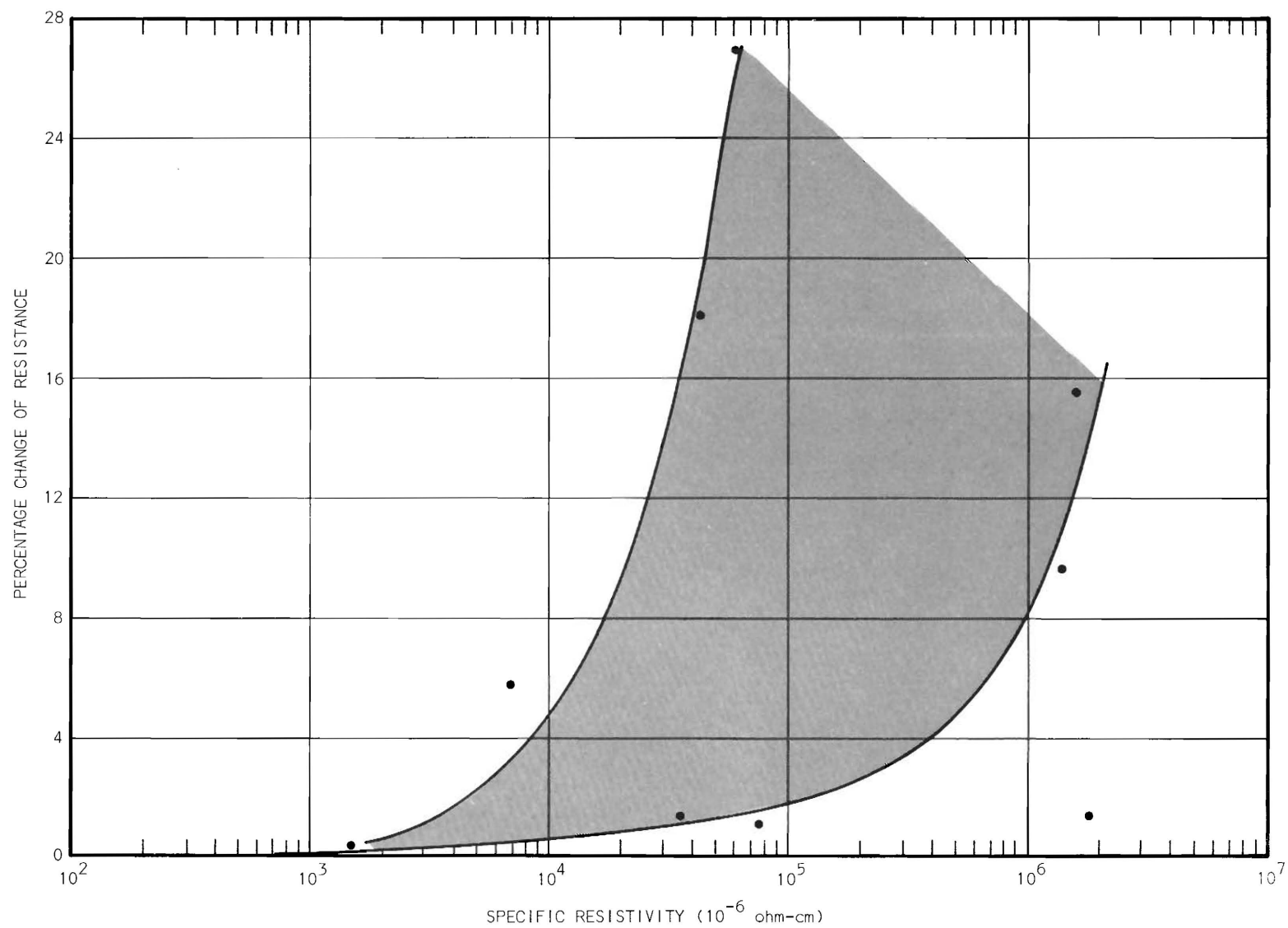


Figure 33. Aging of Unprotected Cr + SiO Film Resistors After 1000 Hours at 125°C in Air.

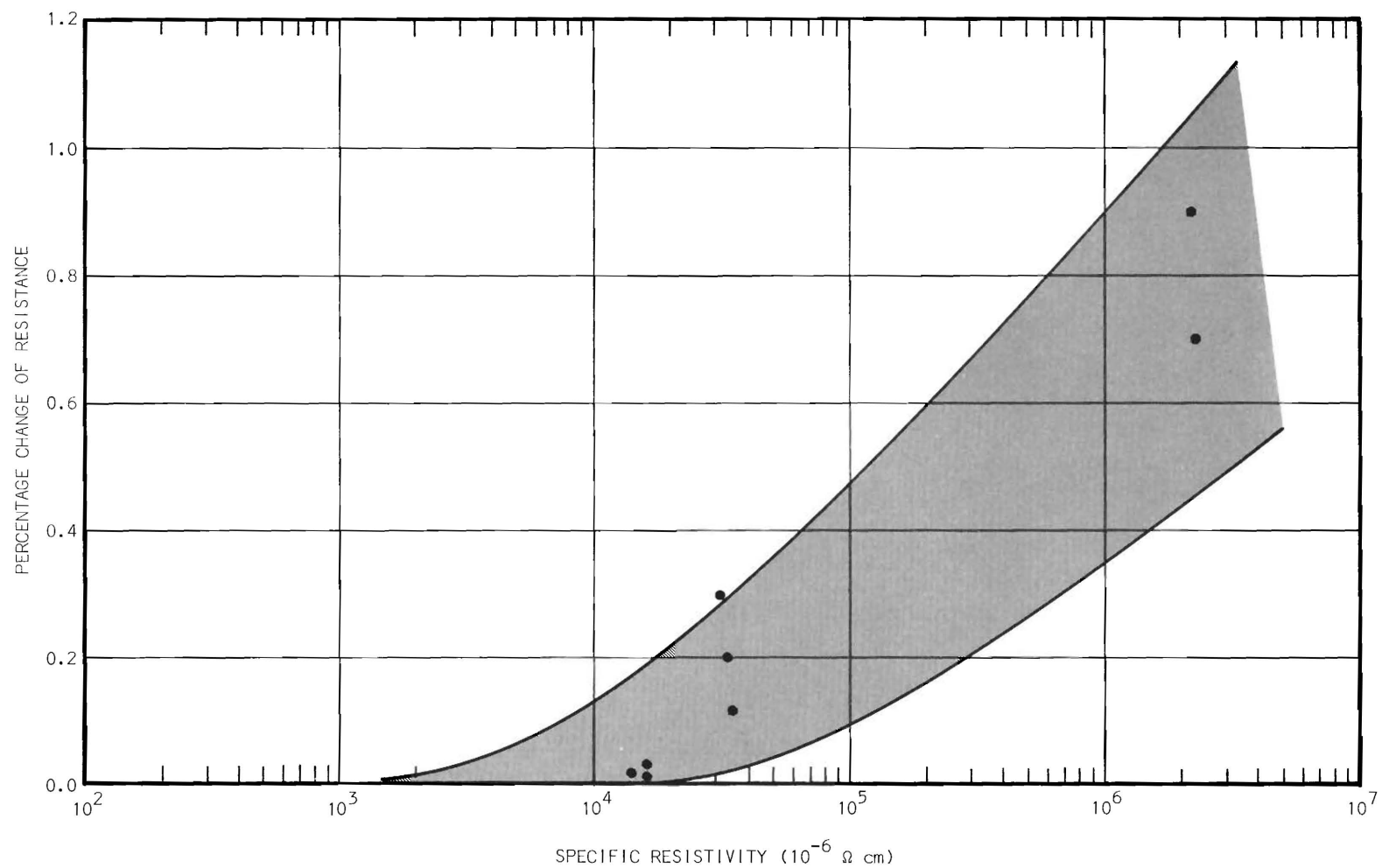


Figure 34. Aging of Cr + SiO Films Post-Baked in Air at 250°C to 325°C After 1000 Hours at 125°C in Air.

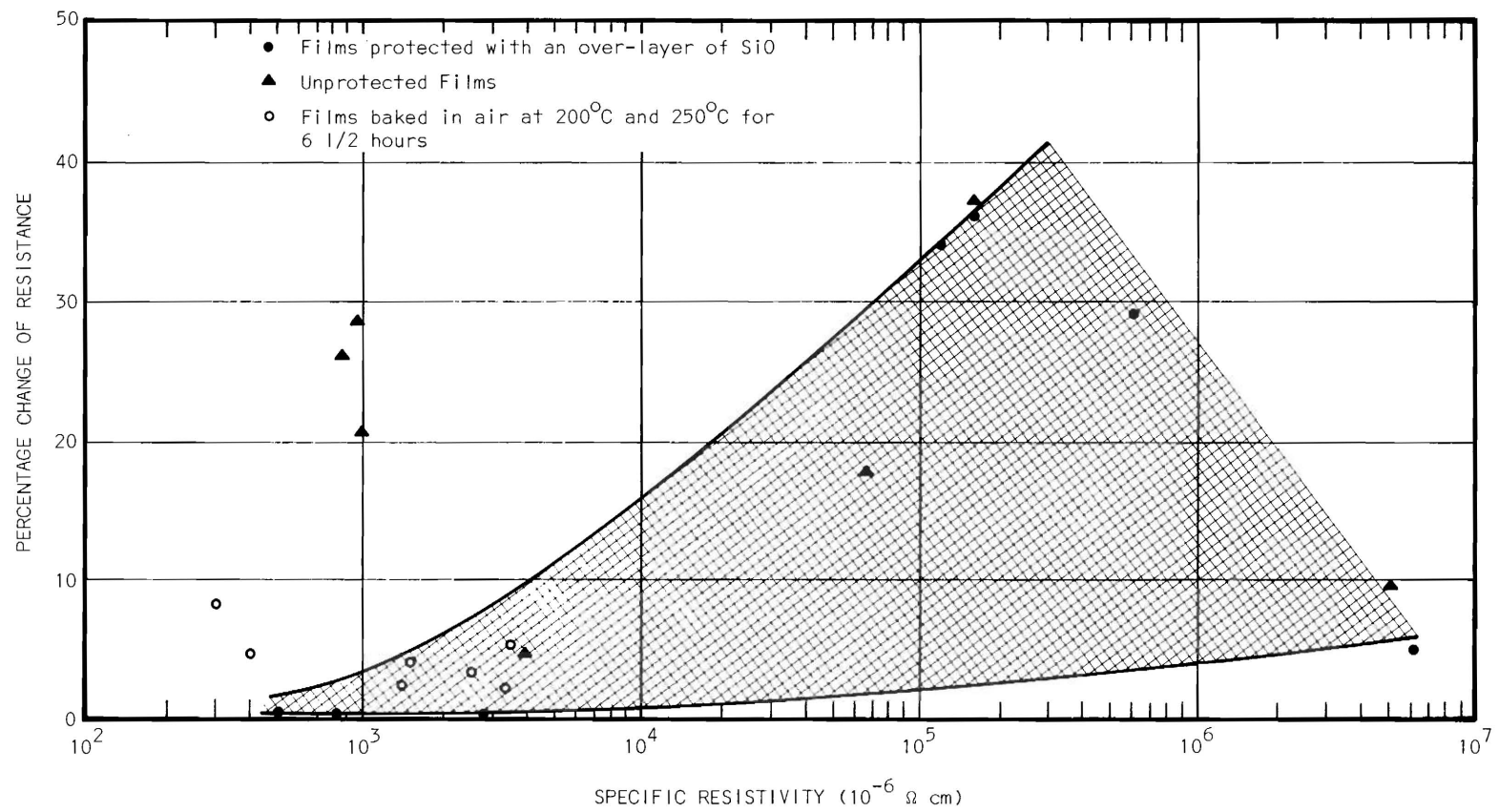


Figure 35. Aging of Mn + SiO Film Resistors After 1000 Hours at 125°C in Air.

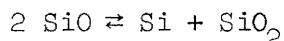
Where two components were evaporated simultaneously such as in the cases of the various metals co-deposited with silicon monoxide, a behavior generally similar to that for the case of single compounds was obtained with the additional complexities added by the elements of the second compound.

Investigations of films of Al + SiO, Cu + SiO, Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO exhibited behavior generally similar to those described for the single compound evaporation. An example of the electron diffraction pattern of a film, Mn + SiO -12C, of low resistivity (1000 microhm-cm) and slightly positive TCR ($+72 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$), is shown in Figure 36 with a portion of its micrograph (19,480x) shown beside it. The diffraction pattern exhibits the lines of α manganese and the micrograph displays particles randomly scattered through a more uniform interparticle matrix. The data for Mn + SiO -20C, a film of high resistivity (150,000 microhm-cm) and a TCR of $-1220 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ displays a much more nearly amorphous pattern and a film of little texture as shown in Figure 37. The diffraction pattern, however, did have discernible lines of α manganese.

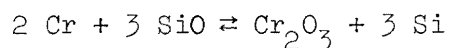
Because of their relative importance a more detailed study of Cr + SiO films was made by both electron and x-ray diffraction methods. These films may have within them Si, SiO, SiO₂, Cr, or Cr₂O₃ leading to very complex structures. Details of an investigation of these films by members of our Diffraction Laboratories are reported below.

All the specimens were investigated by reflection electron diffraction and by x-ray diffraction techniques.

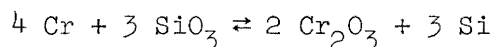
The obtained diffraction patterns consist - except for the chromium film - either of very weak or very weak and broad peaks. The error in the determination of the d-spacings is therefore probably high. It also seems that the experimental results can only be explained with the assumption of several chemical reactions during the evaporation process of the films. The reaction

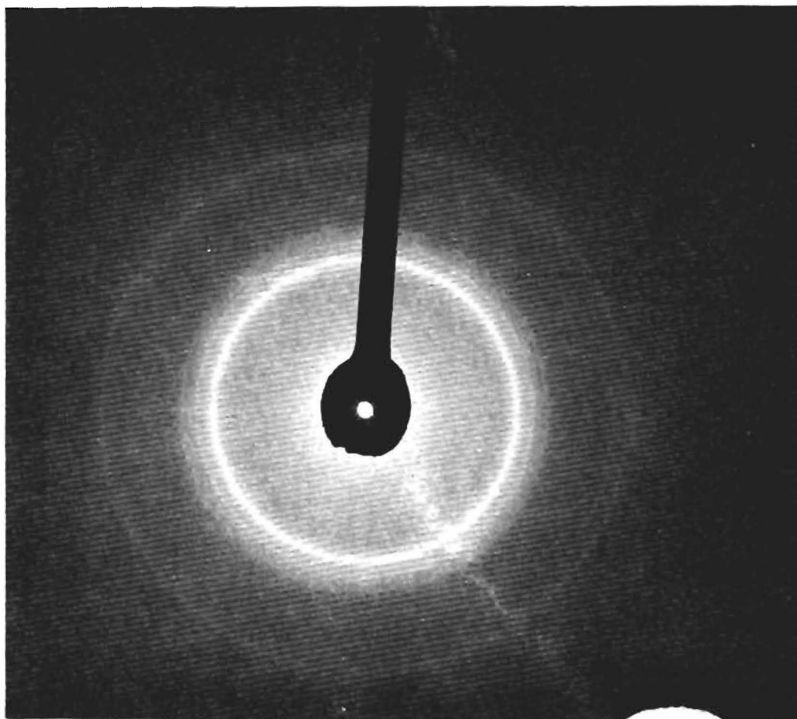


is possible as well as the reactions

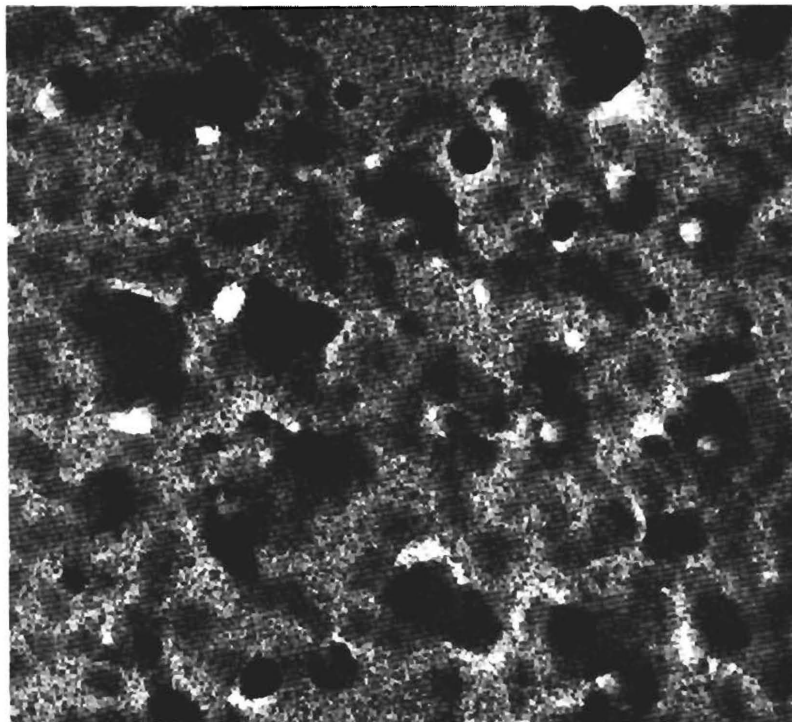


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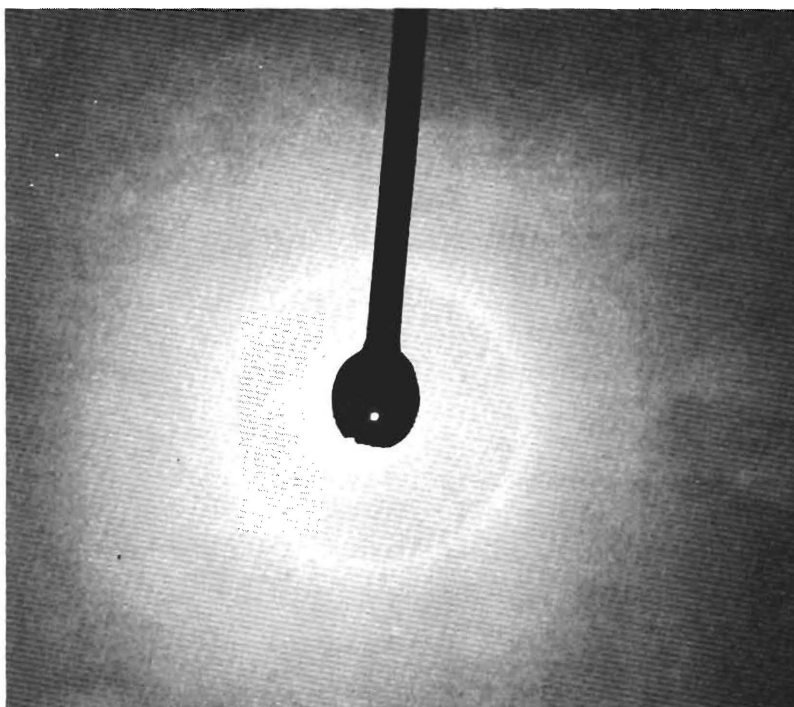


DIFFRACTION PATTERN
(α - Manganese)

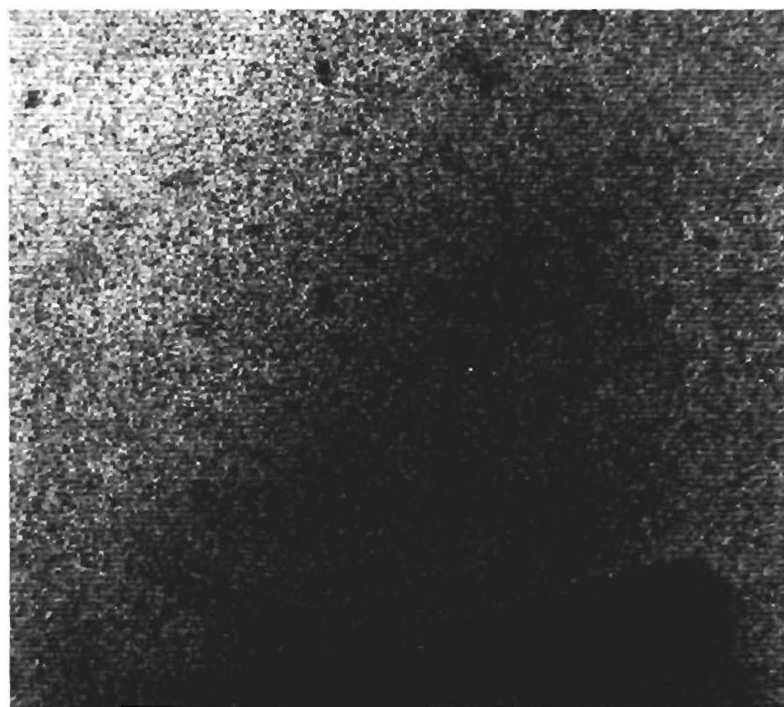


MICROGRAPH
(10,700x)

Figure 36. Electron Diffraction Pattern and Micrograph of a Mn + SiO Film of Relatively Low Resistivity.



DIFFRACTION PATTERN
(α - Manganese)



MICROGRAPH
(25,850x)

Figure 37. Electron Diffraction Pattern and Micrograph of a Mn + SiO Film of Relatively High Resistivity.

The formation of Cr_2O_3 is suggested by its relatively high heat of formation of about 266 kcal/mol (SiO : 103 kcal/mol, $\text{SiO}_2(\alpha\text{-quartz})$: 201 kcal/mol). The formation of Cr_3Si and higher or lower oxides of the chromium cannot be excluded. For the interpretation of the experimental data, however, only the relatively stable compounds Cr_2O_3 and $\text{SiO}_2(\alpha\text{-quartz})$ and necessarily also Cr, Si and SiO were considered. The results are presented in Table IV.

More reliable measurements of d-spacings would probably be obtained by transmission electron diffraction. For precise determinations by x-ray diffraction techniques thicker deposits would be desirable.

Of the films examined, films Cr + SiO 15C and 16C exhibited the more desirable electrical properties of about 10^4 microhm-cm and a TCR not greater than ± 200 ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$ for a film at least 1000 angstroms thick. For these films the presence of Cr, Si, Cr_2O_3 , and SiO_2 appeared possible in both cases.

It is evident that in the resistivity and TCR ranges of interest the near amorphous nature of the film interferes with structure determination and the discrimination of the diffraction methods is insufficient to predict resistivity except in the general zone to be expected, i.e., low, intermediary or high. Similarly for TCR values predictions of strongly positive, near zero or highly negative could be expected. Although the methods lack precision for this purpose compared to the electrical method, the structures observed varied in accordance with the electrical properties of the materials exhibited in a manner that one would expect. Much more extensive and precise diffraction measurements undoubtedly would present an even better correlation of these two methods of measure. However, these further investigations appeared of little benefit to the objectives of the current research.

10. Analysis and Summary of Film Property Measurements

The extensive number of films examined and the large variety of film materials studied presents an extensive variety of data to be assembled, organized, and evaluated. In Tables I, II A, and III, detailed data concerning all films fabricated, measured, and aged have been reported. In Table V of the Appendix, film fabrication methods and parameters have been summarized. Along with the data reported in the various preceding figures certain conclusions have been formulated and these are recorded hereinafter.

TABLE IV

ELECTRON AND X-RAY DIFFRACTION ANALYSIS OF Cr + SiO FILMS AND A
COMPARISON OF THEIR ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS

A. X-ray and Electron Diffraction Information

| Sample | Material as indicated by reflection electron diffraction | Material as indicated by x-ray diffraction |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Cr | Cr ^{*)} | Cr |
| SiO - 29 | SiO ^{**)} | SiO |
| SiO - 32 | - | Si or SiO ₂ ^{***)} |
| Cr + SiO - 8 - C | SiO, Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO ₂ , Cr or Cr ₂ O ₃ |
| Cr + SiO - 11 - C | SiO ₂ , Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO ₂ , Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ |
| Cr + SiO - 13 - C | SiO ₂ , Cr or Cr ₂ O ₃ | SiO, SiO ₂ |
| Cr + SiO - 15 - C | Cr, Si or Cr ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ , Si or SiO ₂ |
| Cr + SiO - 16 - C | Cr, possibly Cr ₂ O ₃ | - |
| Cr + SiO - 17 - C | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ , Si or SiO ₂ | Cr, possibly Cr ₂ O ₃ |

*) Strong preferred orientation with (111) as fiber axis. No other orientation present.

**) See also: Grube, G. and Speidel, H.: Z. Elektrochemie 53.399 (1949).

***) Modification assumed to be a α -quartz.

B. Electrical Parameters

| Specimen No. | Thickness (Angstroms) | Resistivity (micro-ohm cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 13 C | 814 | 7.42 x 10 ⁶ | -37.9 |
| 8 C | 3552 | 3.42 x 10 ⁶ | -30.9 |
| 11 C | 2204 | 2.77 x 10 ⁵ | -16.9 |
| 17 C | 2280 | 9.87 x 10 ⁴ | - 8.04 |
| 16 C | 1580 | 1.7 x 10 ⁴ | - 1.87 |
| 15 C | 1630 | 9.95 x 10 ³ | - 1.01 |

The following species are considered to be the most outstanding for film resistor application demanding low magnitude of TCR and high stability. Films for these species, baked in air, aged less than 1 percent in resistance value on the 1000 hours aging tests.

- Cr + SiO₂ - high resistivity--better method of deposition desirable in order to obtain uniform coatings of predictable resistivity.
- CrSi₂ - Of those investigated - the silicides were the easiest compounds to evaporate from a single source. Though a specific process for producing films with known characteristics was not developed, initial experience indicates that controlled depositions are possible with less difficulty than with Cr + SiO₂.
- CrSi₂ + TiSi₂
- TiSi₂

The films discussed subsequently show some promise as resistors. Long term aging and preferred methods of stabilization were not determined. It was obvious from instability during TCR measurements that some form of passivation would be required.

- Zr-zirconium oxide - Very slow deposition ($< 100 \text{ \AA/sec}$) in the 10^{-5} torr range at substrate temperatures of about 450°C or by more rapid evaporations of Zr in oxygen at low pressures produced high resistivity films. Oxidation by the latter method was difficult to control. It appeared that significant oxidation occurs in the lower 10^{-4} range for all species evaporated in O_2 and that the range of pressures for controllability is rather small. Around 5×10^{-4} torr there appeared to be an avalanche reaction rate and films were nearly completely oxidized. To obtain high resistivity films in the 10^4 microhm-cm range, the avalanche conditions had to be approached too closely for reliable results. Unprotected films aged rather poorly during TCR

measurements and after 4 to 7 hours at 125°C. Some of this poor performance can be attributed to the films being very thin, well below a desirable thickness of 500 Å.

Zr O₂ - Highest resistivity obtained for any species at small negative TCR values of about - 500 ppm/°C. Aged poorly during TCR measurements even though films were thick.

Poor aging during TCR measurements indicates that films of Zr and ZrO₂ do not form an oxide layer that is as protective to the material as do films with Si or SiO₂ components. Thus, possible improved protection may be realized by overcoating the Zr-ZrO₂ specimens with SiO.

Properties not investigated but which need to be determined in order to define the full utility of the films investigated as resistors are:

Noise characteristics,
Thermoelectric properties,
Light sensitivity,
Voltage coefficients or sensitivity,
Pressure sensitivity, and
Aging characteristics under load.

11. Experiments to Increase Film Uniformity and Control

11.1 Introduction: One of the principal problems in production of resistive elements in a circuit is uniform thickness deposition and a uniform composition of a compound film over a desired substrate area such as 2" x 2". Since one of the most desirable compounds studied was one requiring the dual evaporation of chromium and silicon monoxide at controlled rates and to a desired resistivity, sources for the deposition of this compound were studied in some detail and are described fully in the subsequent paragraphs.

11.2 Dual Source for Evaporating Cr and SiO: The chromium-silicon monoxide cermet films were excellent from the standpoints of stability and high resistivity at low magnitude of TCR. However, the ability to fabricate films at pre-selected resistivity or TCR values in successive batch quantities was exceedingly difficult. This difficulty was encountered particularly in the evaporation of the materials from a common grain box source, R. D. Mathis

type ME-1. From past experience, the technique of flash evaporating mixed powders was also considered unsatisfactory as a production process. Hence, attention was directed toward designing an evaporation source for reliably producing resistors of this species. It was desirable that such a source provide the following:

- (1) Uniform mixing of the vapors of the two materials before or upon arrival at the substrate surface,
- (2) Controlled proportional mixing of the Cr and SiO vapors,
- (3) Uniform deposits over a relatively large substrate area of at least 2" x 2",
- (4) Large capacity or relatively constant emission characteristics for long term application in successive batch depositions, and
- (5) Simple operation and economical.

Although desirable, a common source design meeting the general requirements was not conceived at this time; the primary limitation was the large difference between the vapor pressures of Cr and SiO. Any improvement on the initial method was considered worthwhile, so a dual design was considered.

A source other than the usual tantalum grain box source for evaporating SiO was desired. Graphite cloth* was tested and found satisfactory for SiO but not for chromium. In these tests, separate evaporations in high vacuum of chromium and SiO from and through densely woven graphite cloth were made. The respective materials were wrapped within the cloth in such a manner that they were completely enclosed. The cloth was electrically terminated and was heated to the desired temperature by the passage of current. Due to reaction with chromium the cloth was unsatisfactory as a source material. On the other hand, it proved to be quite satisfactory for the evaporation of SiO. No adverse reaction between the SiO and carbon was detected from a visual inspection of unevaporated SiO and the cloth; however, silicon atoms resulting from any disassociation of the evaporant at the source may react with the graphite cloth and remain on the source as the less volatile compound silicon carbide.¹¹

* The use of graphite cloth as a heater for evaporants, particularly SiO, originated at Georgia Tech on another project, Contract No. NAS8-20577.

The SiO films deposited in this manner exhibited the usual brownish color and possessed good dielectric qualities. Wrapping the SiO within a double layer of the cloth prevented the spitting usually associated with the evaporation of SiO. The graphite cloth has a resistivity of about $1/2$ ohms per square and requires a relatively low current compared to commonly used metal filament sources for a given source temperature. The material thus has several advantages over the commonly used tantalum chimney and box sources for the evaporation of SiO.

Chromium can be evaporated quite satisfactorily from tungsten boats, so a design employing two parallel tungsten boats along side a planar graphite source was selected. The graphite cloth source was $1.5'' \times 1.5''$ area and centered between but slightly below the boats with respect to the substrate. The arrangement and geometry of the sources are illustrated in Figure 38. The SiO source was loaded with 20 grams of SiO particles ranging from 10 mesh to pea size. Approximately 4.5 grams of chromium pellets were placed in each of the chromium sources for a total load of 9 grams. Evaporations were made with the source "A" to substrate geometry of Figure 39. During evaporations the two chromium sources were operated in parallel at a total current of 220 amperes and the SiO source at 55 amperes in order to obtain film resistivities of about 10,000 microhm-cm. Intense heat radiation from the sources caused considerable degassing in the vacuum chamber. As a result of this and the low pumping capacity of vacuum system "C", evaporations were made in the 1×10^{-4} torr range. Considerable oxidation of both the chromium and silicon monoxide can occur in the 1×10^{-4} torr range. This is particularly true for pressures exceeding 5×10^{-4} torr. (Essentially complete oxidation of SiO and Cr occurred in pressures of oxygen greater than 7×10^{-4} torr in other phases of the program.) To maintain the pressure in the lower half of this range for the total deposition period of 10 minutes it was necessary to interrupt the evaporation for pumping intervals and two to three successive deposition cycles were required. Before deposition of the resistive films, the source was operated with the substrate shutter closed to aid in degassing the vacuum chamber. During these periods the pressure increased to the upper limit of the 1×10^{-4} torr range. At the higher pressures some oxidation of the graphite cloth occurred, and its electrical resistance gradually increased

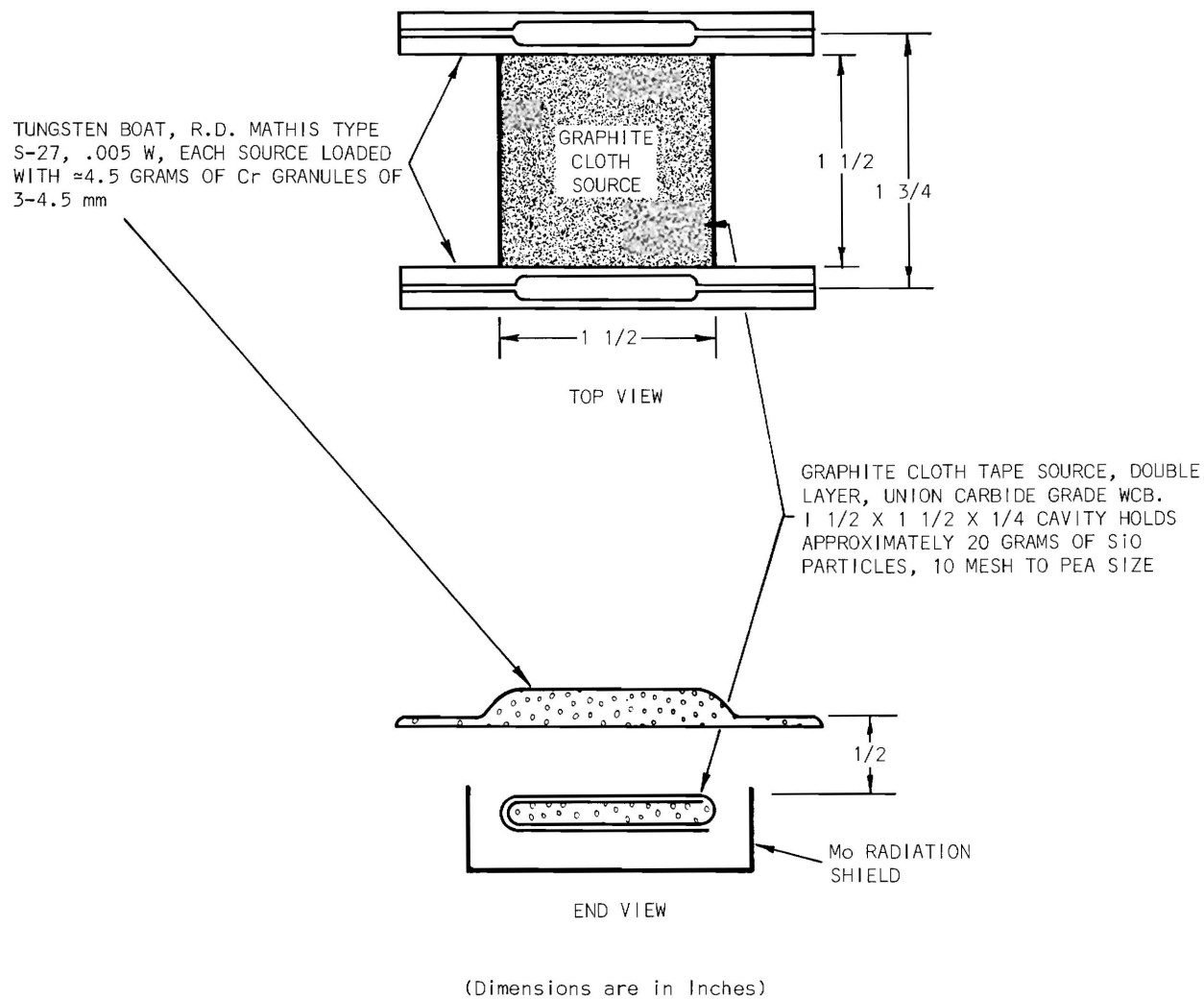


Figure 38. Experimental Dual Source for Co-Evaporation of Cr and SiO.

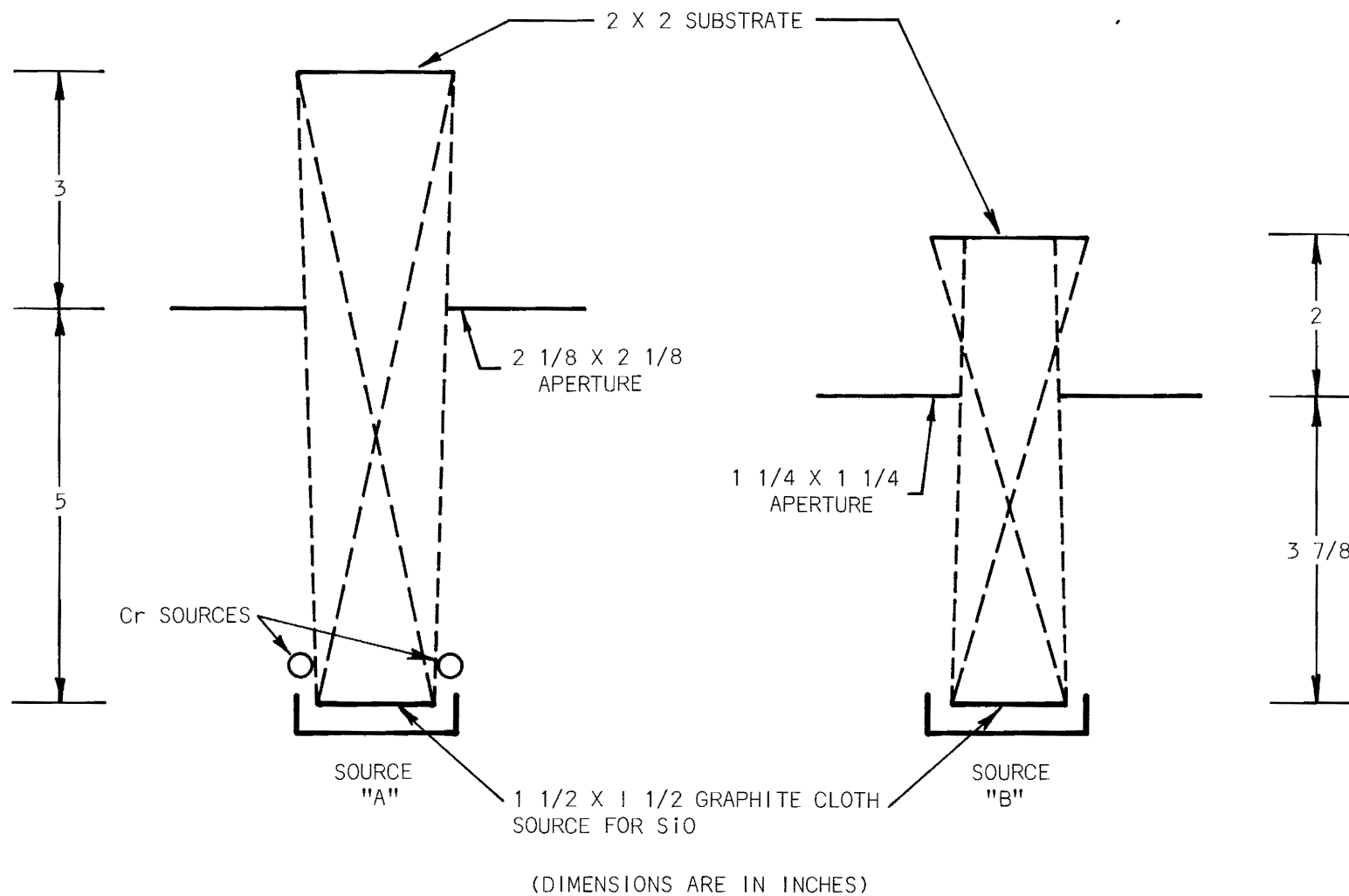
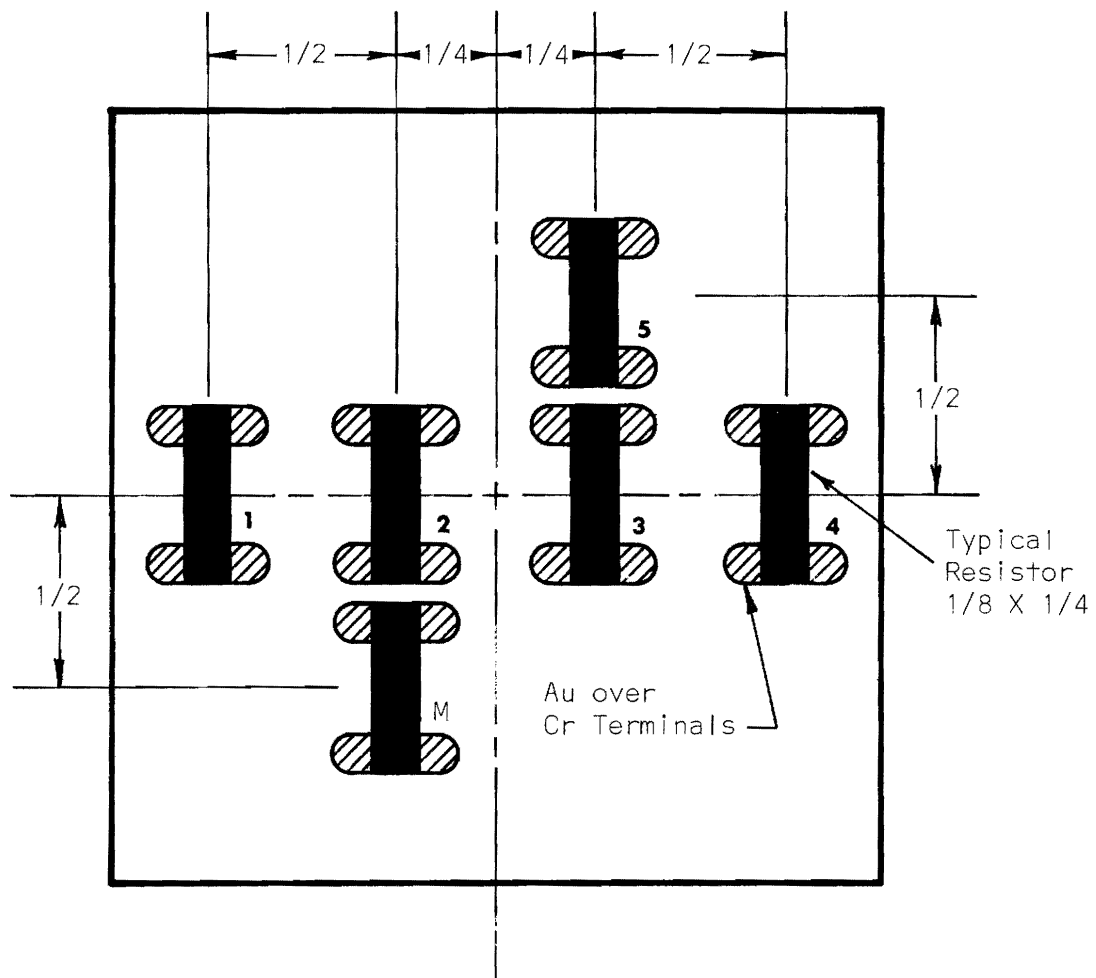


Figure 39. Source to Substrate Geometry of Experimental Source.

with time. Silicon monoxide vapor reaction with the graphite source probably contributed to an increase in resistance, as well. The reaction with chromium vapor from the chromium sources is less likely. A contact metal transmission mask was placed in front of the substrate to form 6 resistors on each substrate simultaneously. The substrate dimensions were 2" x 2" x 1/32". Locations of the resistors on the substrate are shown in Figure 40. Measurements of resistance, TCR, and thickness were made to determine uniformity of characteristics over an area corresponding to an average maximum radius of 3/4" with respect to the center of the substrate.

The resistivity of the specimens ranged from 6×10^3 to 1.7×10^8 microhm-cm. TCR values for a given resistivity were in general agreement with those of Figure 16 obtained with the grain box source. The resistivities were calculated from the R/sq and thickness values of each film. The thickness for each resistor was determined by taking the average value of measurements made at two positions on the film; these were made on opposite edges near the mid-point of each resistor. The mid-points of resistors 2 and 3, M and 5, and 1 and 4 are located at a substrate radius of 0.25", 0.56", and 0.75", respectively. Average thickness and resistivity values were obtained for each radius by calculating the mean values of respective resistor pairs. The thickness variation of Cr + SiO films on two substrates are shown in Figure 41-b. Values were normalized for a value of 1 at a radius of 0.25". The thickness of specimen No. 6 increased 61 percent at a radius of 3/4" with respect to the projected value of a film at the y intercept, or zero radius. This specimen showed the greatest variation in both thickness and resistivity. Specimen No. 8 had the least variation in thickness and resistivity. Corresponding values of other specimens lay between the limits of specimens No. 6 and No. 8. Since resistivity values increased in a similar manner across the substrate, it was suspected that SiO enrichment of the composite film occurred with increasing radius. To determine if this were true, separate evaporations were made with the chromium and SiO sources. For the chromium deposition, each resistor element lay in the thickness range $2030 \pm 30 \text{ \AA}$. Hence within the accuracy of measurements the chromium film was uniform. Two SiO specimens were deposited. One was deposited with the chromium sources energized but empty to simulate



(DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES)

Figure 40. Resistor Layout on 2" x 2" Substrate.

the conditions for depositing the composite films; the other specimen was deposited with the chromium source off. The thickness variation of these films are shown in Figure 41-a. The thickness of both films increases positively with respect to the radius; however, that of the film deposited with the chromium source on increased to a greater extent and more rapidly with increasing radius.

SiO depositions were made with a SiO source similar to that of source "A" of Figure 39 but with a source to substrate geometry as indicated in source "B" of Figure 39. In the source "B" arrangement, every point of the substrate is not in line of sight with every point of the source due to stopping effect of the aperture; also, the substrate to source distance was less. With source "B", a film thickness distribution was obtained that decreased in thickness with increasing substrate radius per Figure 42. Thus effects of the aperture as a stop between the source and substrate and the source to substrate distance are quite evident by comparing the results in Figures 41-a and 42.

A stop with a square aperture measuring 1" x 1" was installed between the graphite source and the chromium source of source "A" of Figure 39 to study its effects of film uniformity. The source to substrate geometry and stop location are sketched in Figure 43. Effects of the stop on uniformity of film thickness and resistivity were determined as previously discussed.

Average thickness variation obtained for SiO films deposited with the stopped source is shown in Figure 44-a. The increase in thickness of about 10 percent for a zero to 0.75 inches radius is much smaller than the increase of 17 to 60 percent obtained for the source operated without a stop. Hence, definite improvement in SiO thickness uniformity control was obtained with the stop.

Co-deposition of Cr and SiO were made with the stopped source. The lower curve of Figure 44-b shows the averaged variation in thickness obtained for these films. Comparing this curve with that of specimen No. 8 of Figure 41-b, it can be seen that the decreasing thickness with increasing radius above 0.56 inches was in opposite sense to that obtained for the source operated without a stop. This resulted in a lower overall thickness variation for the stopped source. The upper curve of Figure 44-b was the corresponding average variation in resistance with radius of resistance values of the six resistors

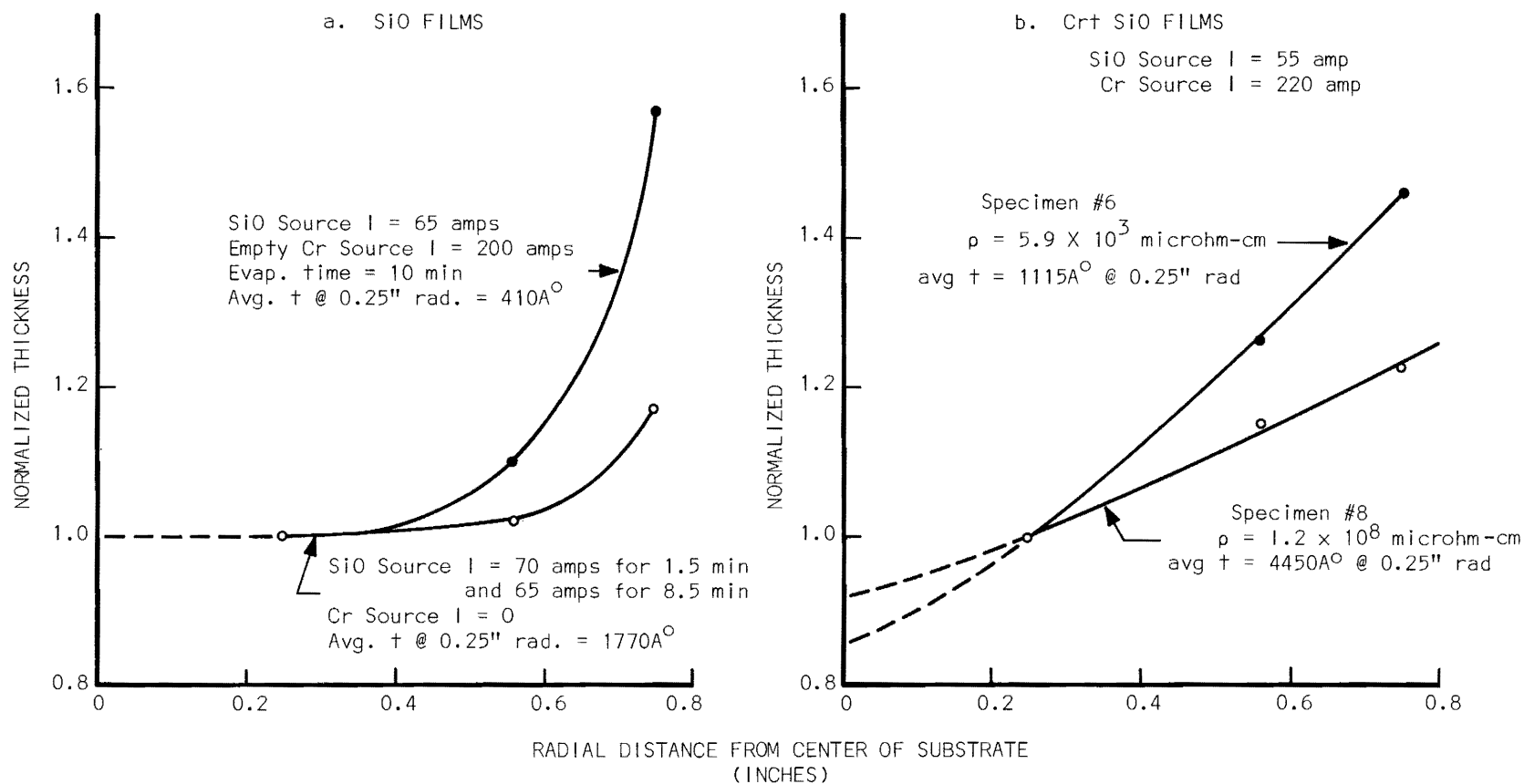


Figure 41. Uniformity of Films Deposited with Experimental Source for the Co-Evaporation of Cr and SiO.

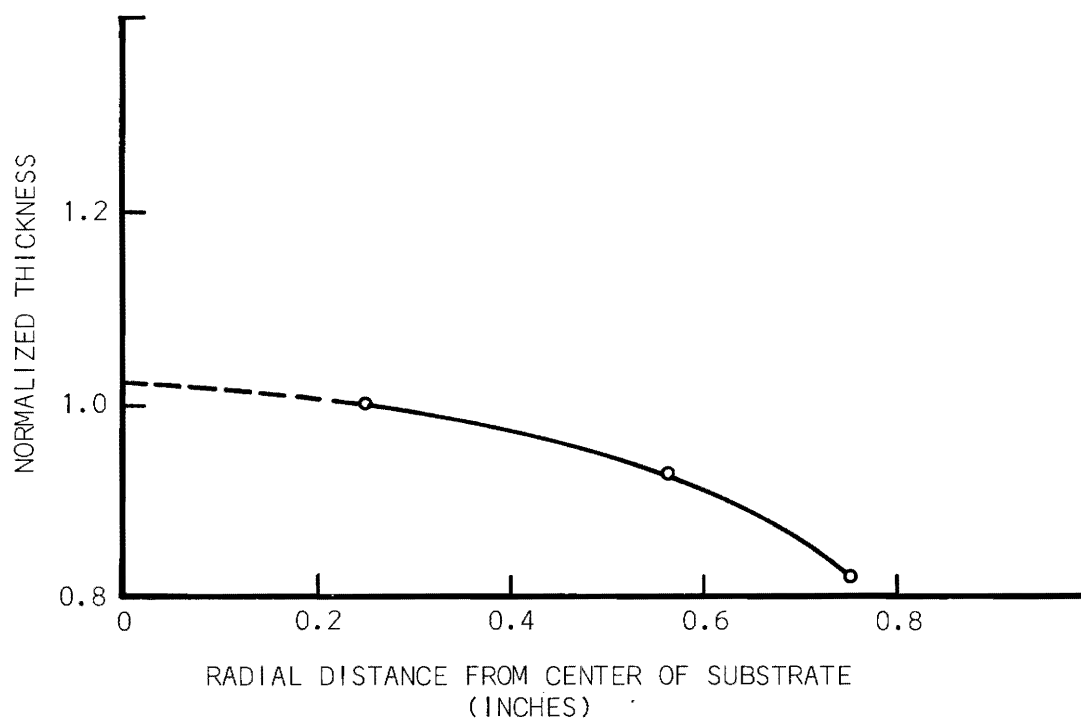


Figure 42. Uniformity of SiO Films with a Stop Between the Substrate and Source.

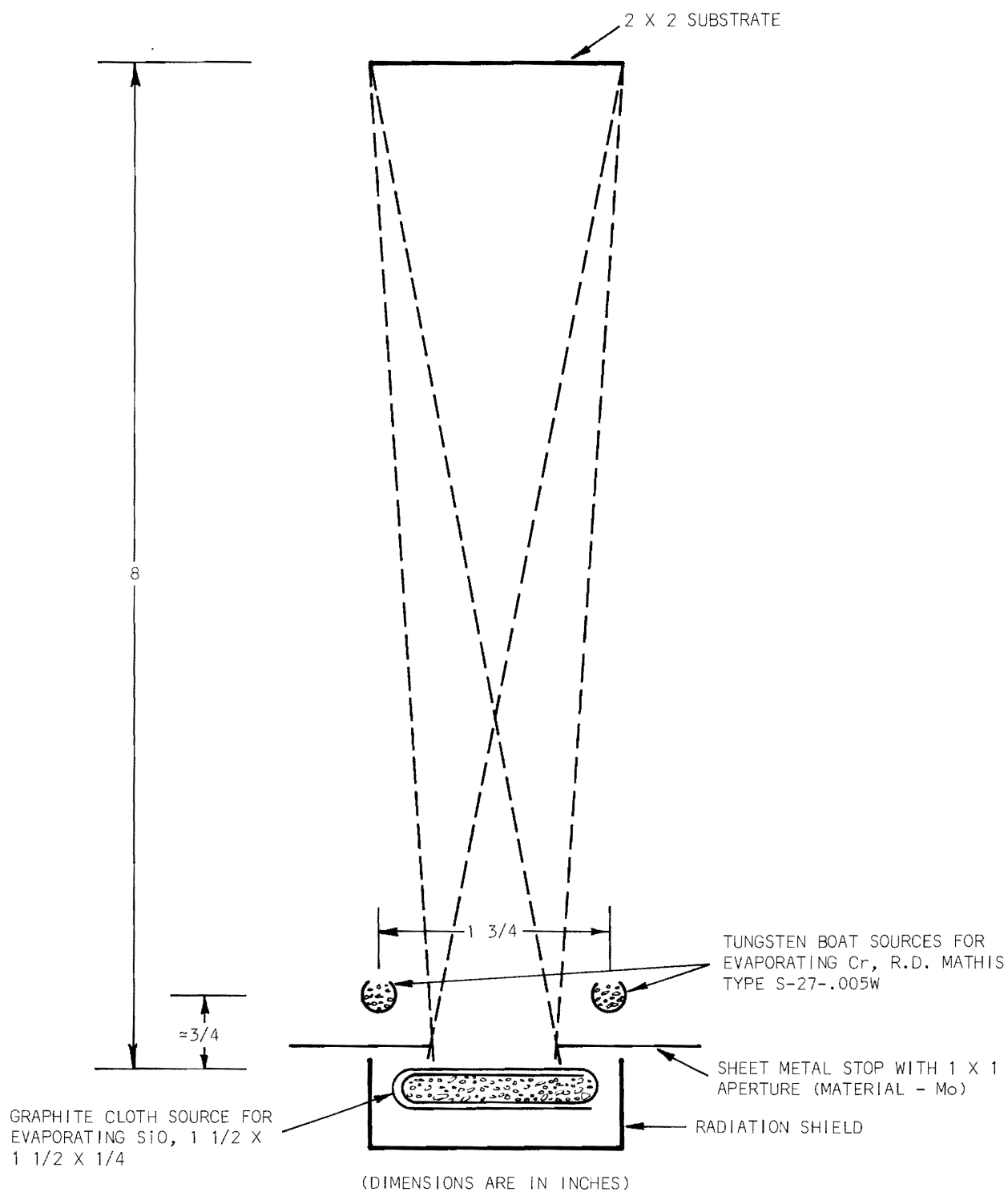


Figure 43. Source "A" to Substrate Geometry with Stop.

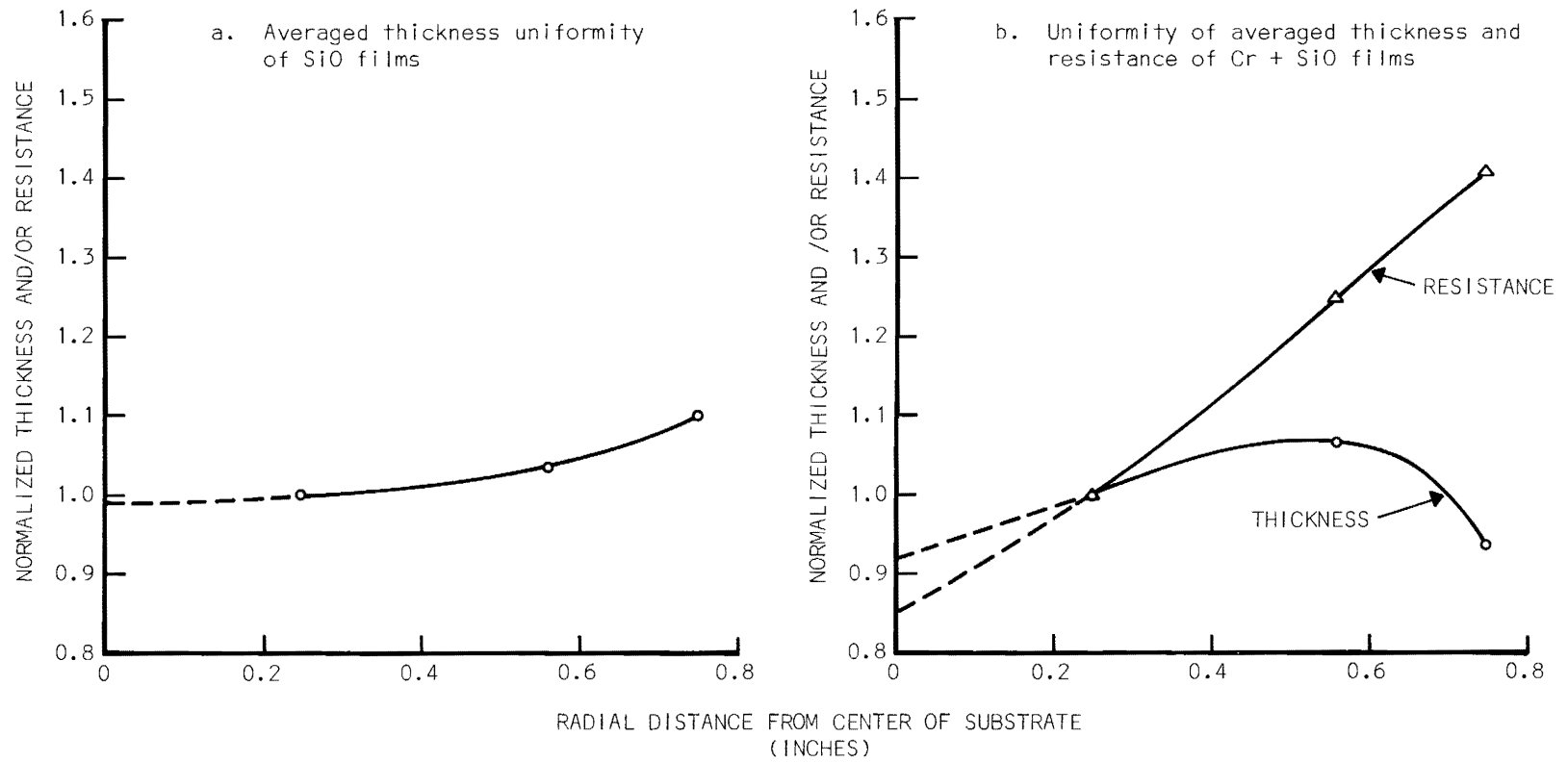


Figure 44. Uniformity of Cr, SiO, and Cr + SiO Films Deposited with the Stopped Experimental Source of Figure 43.

on four different substrates. TCR values of these films were quite low in magnitude; both small positive and small negative values occurred on each substrate within the range of ± 100 ppm/degree Centigrade; furthermore, the TCR values shifted in the negative sense with increasing radius. Thickness measurements indicated that the resistivity variation was not due solely to variation in SiO concentration. Hence, it appeared that major factors in addition to variations in SiO concentration were contributing to variations in resistivity over the substrate surface.

Thickness of Cr deposits were uniform within the accuracy of thickness measurements, yet, the resistivity of Cr films increased with radius similarly to the Cr + SiO films. As a result, non-uniform heating of the substrate during deposition was suspected as having a primary influence on uniformity of resistivity and TCR values. To determine the significance of non-uniform heating on uniformity of electrical characteristics over the substrate surface, measurements of resistance values were made of chromium film resistors deposited on room temperature substrates; substrates heated with a graphite cloth source,* see Figure 4, to a reference temperature of 400°C ; and substrates heated to a temperature corresponding to a temperature of 300 to 350°C of an aluminum plate in direct contact with the substrate. In the latter case, the aluminum plate was heated with the graphite cloth source and the temperature of the aluminum plate was determined from a thermocouple clamped to the aluminum plate with a screw. The aluminum plate was equal in length and width to the substrate and was $1/8$ inches thick.

With the Cr sources spaced $1-3/4$ inches apart, Cr deposits were made at each of the three substrate heating conditions; these results are shown in Figure 45. For Specimen No. 12 the substrate was heated with the regular graphite cloth source to the reference temperature of 400°C ; this corresponds to the substrate heating used on the specimens of Figures 41 & 44. The resistance variation shown in Figure 45 is similar to that obtained for the Cr + SiO films in Figure 44-b. The corresponding average thickness variation

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The graphite cloth substrate heater was used as the substrate heater for the Cr + SiO and Mn + SiO film resistors fabricated early in the program to determine the resistivity versus TCR characteristics of Figures 16 and 19.

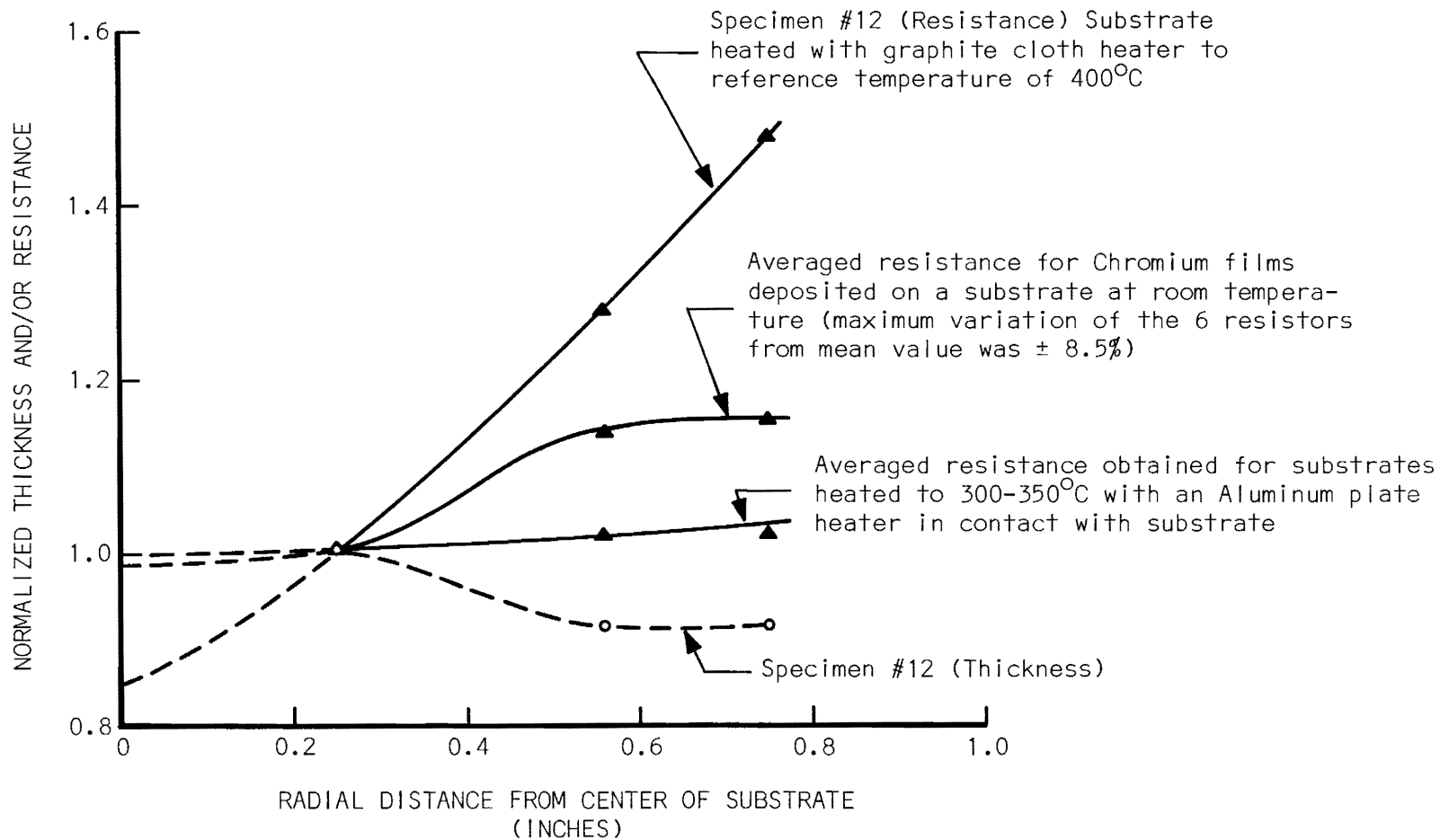


Figure 45. Effects of Substrate Heating on Resistance of Chromium Films.

obtained for specimen No. 12 is also shown in Figure 45; the 10 percent variation is within the error of measurements, and it cannot be said definitely that the point at a radius of 0.25 inch is actually thicker than the other measured values. It is quite evident, however, that a large part of the variation in resistivity is independent of variation in film thickness. The remaining plots of Figure 45 clearly show that non-uniform heating of the substrate is a primary factor contributing to the variation in resistivity of chromium resistors over a given substrate surface. The lowest variation in the averaged resistance of ± 2 percent was obtained for the substrates heated with the aluminum plate; whereas, the maximum variation from the mean value of resistance of the six resistors on each of these two substrates were ± 6.6 percent and ± 3.8 percent, respectively. For those substrates heated with aluminum plate it appears that the temperature was still somewhat higher in the center of the substrates compared to the outer sections.

With the source and source to substrate geometry of Figure 43 chromium depositions were made with the chromium sources spaced 1", 1-3/4", and 2-1/3" apart. No significant difference in variation of film resistivity over a substrate radius of 3/4 inch was obtained for the respective spacings. A maximum variation in resistivity of ± 7 percent over a substrate radius of 3/4 inch was obtained for each condition. In each case the substrate was heated with the aluminum plate substrate heater equal in length and width to the substrate.

A copper plate was substituted for the aluminum plate to heat the substrates, and the aperture of the stop in Figure 43 was increased to 1-1/8" x 1-1/8". Maintaining the source to the substrate geometry of Figure 43 and with the slightly larger aperture, co-depositions of Cr and SiO were made with the copper plate substrate heater at 350°C. For six separate depositions where the TCR values ranged from $-2 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $-0.3 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, the average variation obtained for the six resistors of the substrates was ± 4.4 percent of the average resistance. The lowest variation obtained between the six resistors for any one substrate was ± 1.7 percent from the average value, and the maximum variation from the average on any one substrate was ± 9.8 percent. The resistance values were normalized for a radius of 0.25 inch, as was done in Figure 45, for each of the substrates; and averaged normalized variations

of 1.00, 1.01, and 1.02 at the respective radii of 0.25", 0.56", and 0.75" were obtained. From the measured resistivity versus TCR characteristics of Cr + SiO films, the resistivity values represented in these calculations ranged from $(1 \text{ to } 2)10^{+4}$ microhm-cm. At higher resistivities, greater variation of resistance between the resistors on a given substrate was experienced. The variation between the six resistors from the average value was ± 44 percent for a typical substrate with resistors having a TCR of approximately $-30 \times 10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$.

These data demonstrated that with a metal plate substrate heater and with the preceding sources and source to substrate geometry, the average variation in resistance of Cr + SiO films of resistivities near $1 \times 10^{+4}$ microhm-cm over a $3/4$ inch substrate radius was ± 5 percent. Two-thirds of the six substrates had less variation, and one-third had variations between ± 5 and ± 10 percent. TCR values could be reproduced fairly well during successive evaporations by manually maintaining constant source currents with a variac. However, precision instrumental control of the source temperatures will be necessary to gain desired control on the resistive parameters. Evidence from about 50 evaporations indicated that the vapor output characteristics of the sources remained fairly constant for at least 2 hours of operation. Thus, a dual source arrangement similar to that of Figures 38 and 43 with appropriate stopping and temperature control promises to be useful for evaporating chromium-silicon monoxide resistors with average tolerance requirements of 5 to 10 percent. It is suspected that temperature variations over the substrate surface and the relatively high vacuum pressures of $(1 \text{ to } 4)10^{-4}$ torr during the evaporations contributed considerably to the magnitude of the non-uniformity of the film parameters.

Further improvements in uniformity of the resistive parameters over large area substrates can possibly be realized by maintaining vacuum pressures within the 10^{-6} torr range or better during evaporation processes. In addition, attention must be devoted in the future to maintaining uniform substrate temperatures. The latter can be achieved by improved methods of substrate heating; an easier way, may be to select substrate materials with greater heat conductivity than that afforded by glass. The importance of maintaining uniform substrate temperatures cannot be over emphasized.

III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the series of selected materials examined (metal-metal oxide, metal-silicon monoxide, borides, nitrides, silicides, and some combinations of the borides and silicides) the chromium-silicon monoxide films gave most consistently the required resistivity range of 10^4 microhm-cm, $\pm 200 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ TRC, and displayed the least aging. Experiments on a dual source system for evaporating chromium and silicon monoxide, employing a diaphragm arrangement to control vapor deposition rate and distribution, proved capable of giving uniform deposits over a circular area of 1.5" diameter. An additional variable controlling resistivity was the temperature and the uniformity of the substrate heating at the time of deposition. Heated aluminum or copper supporting plates in contact with the substrates were found to be better than radiant heating with graphite cloth in distributing the heat uniformly over glass substrates. With the controls utilized, resistance variation of individual resistors of ± 2 to 10 percent were realized at resistivities of 1 to 2×10^4 microhm-cm over the substrate area. Some improvement may be expected with instrumental control of source temperatures or rates, better heat distribution at the substrate, and lower vacuum background pressures.

Resistive films of CrSi_2 , TiSi_2 , and $\text{CrSi}_2 + \text{TiSi}_2$ gave some promise as materials evaporable from a single source. However, resistivities, in general, were in the range 500 to 2000 microhm-cm, well under the target value of 10^4 microhm-cm.

Films deposited by evaporation of oxides or of metals in oxygen at low pressure were found to give films ranging from very high resistivity and high negative TCR values to films with essentially metallic type behavior, and the process was difficult to control. Of the metals or metal oxides examined zirconium evaporated in oxygen at low pressure produced films with the best properties, a resistivity of 2400 microhm-cm at a TCR of $-88 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ was obtained for one film. Examination of films of Zr-SiO appears to be a profitable future course.

With respect to aging the $\text{Cr} + \text{SiO}$ films displayed excellent performance, exhibiting changes of < 1 percent in 1000 hour test periods. To attain this performance passivation of the films by baking several hours at about 300°C

was employed. During this time resistors underwent positive changes of approximately 30%. The silicides also gave promise with respect to good aging properties. With the exception of TiSi_2 , the silicides approached the performance of the Cr + SiO films, and the TiSi_2 was much improved after post deposition baking.

Films meeting the requirements of resistivity and TCR were obtained, and some progress in deposition of uniform and reproducible films was made. However, the answers obtained pointed to a considerable amount of further engineering development in order to produce reliably and reproducibly the films deposited in the laboratory. The intrinsic difficulties of dual source control point to a single source deposition method as the preferred technique. New developments in sputtering suggest this method as a possible alternative to evaporation as a choice for film resistor deposition. Its capabilities of deposition of uniform films over large areas and of depositing an alloy electrode essentially as the stoichiometric composition indicate that sputtering possesses intrinsically the capabilities which are so difficult to obtain for evaporation of multicomponent materials by any method. It is recommended that sputtering of Cr-SiO resistive elements be investigated.*

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APPENDIX

TABLE I
DETAILED FABRICATION DATA AND RESISTOR PARAMETERS

| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | REMARKS |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------|--|---------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | B A K E D P E R. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPO- SITION (Z) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (10 ⁻⁴ Ω cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ °C) | | | |
| ALUMINUM - SILICON MONOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Al + SiO - 1 - B | CORNING | DUAL | Al WIRE | 370 | 2 | (1-10)10 ³ | X | | | Al, Si | 1980 | 585.4 | 585 | 1.16x10 ⁴ | - 11.2 | | |
| Al + SiO - 2 - B | # 7059 | BN | AND | " | 2 | " | X | | | | 1300 | 3,746 | 3,750 | 4.87x10 ⁴ | - 20.1 | | |
| Al + SiO - 3 - B | GLASS | CRUCI- | SiO | " | 2 | " | X | | | Al, Si | 1270 | 507.9 | 508 | 6.46x10 ³ | - 8.57 | | |
| Al + SiO - 4 - B | " | BLE'S | POWDER | " | 2 | " | X | | | Al, Si | 1780 | 870,000 | 870,000 | 1.55x10 ⁷ | - 64.7 | | |
| Al + SiO - 5 - B | " | INDE- | " | " | < 2 | " | | X | | | | 6.7 | 6.7 | - | + 5.85 | | |
| Al + SiO - 6 - B | " | PEINTLY | " | " | 3 | (2-10)10 ⁵ | X | | | Al | 3550 | 2.72 | 2.72 | 96.5 | + 6.96 | | |
| Al + SiO - 7 - B | " | HEATED | " | " | 2 | 2x10 ⁵ | X | | | Amorphous | 513 | > 10 ⁷ | > 10 ⁷ | - | - | | |
| Al + SiO - 8 - B | " | TO - CO- | " | " | 2 | (2-10)10 ⁶ | X | | | | 950 | 2x10 ⁷ | 2x10 ⁷ | 0.95x10 ⁸ | - 74 | | |
| Al + SiO - 9 - B | " | EVAP0- | " | " | 2 | 2.5x10 ⁴ | X | | | Al | 5990 | 1.75 | 1.75 | 105 | + 5.82 | | |
| Al + SiO - 10 - B | " | KATE | " | " | 2 | 2.8x10 ⁵ | X | | | Al | 4530 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 95 | + 6.54 | | |
| Al + SiO - 11 - B | " | Al & SiO | " | " | 2 | (1-10)10 ⁶ | X | | | Al, Si | 1200 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 45.6 | + 9.81 | | |
| Al + SiO - 12 - B | " | " | " | " | 2 | 4x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Al | 2010 | 2.04 | 2.04 | 41 | + 7.63 | | |
| Al + SiO - 13 - B | " | " | " | " | 1 | 6x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Al, Si | 1020 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 326 | + 1.58 | | |
| Al + SiO - 14 - B | " | " | " | " | 2 | 1x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | Al, Al ₂ O ₃ , Si | 2390 | 1.6x10 ⁶ | 1.6x10 ⁶ | 3.82x10 ⁷ | - 62.8 | | |
| Al + SiO - 15 - B | " | " | " | " | 2 | (1-10)10 ⁶ | X | | | Al, Al ₂ O ₃ | - | 6.9 | 6.9 | - | + 5.43 | | |
| Al + SiO - 16 - B | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | X | | | Al, Al ₂ O ₃ | 2790 | 3.56 | 3.56 | 994 | + 7 | | |
| CHROMIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cr - 1A - FA | GLASS | W-ZOAT | Cr | 500 | FLASH- 20 | 2.5x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 1.316 | 1.32 | | + 11.4 | | |
| Cr - 1B - FA | MICRO- | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 1.829 | 1.83 | | + 13.8 | | |
| Cr - 1C - FA | SCOPE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | - | - | | - | | |
| Cr - 2A - FA | SLIDE | " | " | 350 | " | 6x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 7.323 | 7.32 | | + 5.4 | | |
| Cr - 2B - FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 11.11 | 11.1 | | + 4.7 | | |
| Cr - 2C - FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | - | - | | - | | |
| Cr - 3A - FA | " | " | " | " | " | (1-10)10 ⁸ | X | | | | | 21.75 | 21.7 | | + 7.54 | | |
| Cr - 3B - FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | BROKE | | | - | | |
| Cr - 3C - FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 31.52 | 31.5 | | + 6.0 | | |

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Note 1. Specimens with serial numbers ending in A, B, and C were fabricated in vacuum systems B, A, and C, respectively; those with no letter at the end of their serial numbers were fabricated in vacuum system D.

Note 2. Measurements of film parameters were made before the special treatments for protection or extended aging at 125°C in air.

Note 3. Film composition is that identified in an electron diffraction pattern of a film deposited on a carbon coated copper grid simultaneously with the resistive film. No pattern indicates an absence of rings in the diffraction pattern and is an indication that the film was amorphous.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | SIO BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS)($\mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$) | TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | |
| CHROMIUM CONTINUED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cr-4A-FA | GLASS | W-BOAT | Cr | 350 | FLASH- RO | (1-10) $\times 10^{-5}$ | X | | | | 9.536 | 954 | + 3.36 | |
| Cr-4B-FA | VARRO- SLIDE | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | 9.337 | 934 | + 3.31 | |
| Cr-4C-FA | SLIDE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 15.30 | 153 | + 2.8 | |
| CHROMIUM-SILICON MONOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cr+SIO-1A-FA | " | " | APPROX. | 350 | FLASH- ED | 2×10^{-5} | X | | | | 47.87 | 47.9 | - 0.5 | |
| Cr+SIO-1B-FA | " | " | 1/1 VOLUME | " | " | " | X | | | 857 | 47.47 | 47.5 | 407 | - 0.25 |
| Cr+SIO-1C-FA | " | " | MIXTURE | " | " | " | X | | | BROKE | 68.38 | 68.4 | - 0.51 | |
| Cr+SIO-2A-FA | " | " | OF Cr | " | " | " | X | | | | 76.37 | 76.4 | - 1.46 | |
| Cr+SIO-2B-FA | " | " | 8 SIO | " | " | " | X | | | | 68.59 | 68.6 | - 1.31 | |
| Cr+SIO-2C-FA | " | " | POWDERS | " | " | " | X | | | | 45.46 | 95.5 | - 1.41 | |
| Cr+SIO-1-C | " | ME-1 | 220 mg | 400 | 5 | 25×10^{-6} | X | | | | > 2×10^6 | - | - | New Evaporant load for |
| Cr+SIO-2-C | " | " | SIO TABLET AND 29 | " | " | " | X | | | | > 2×10^6 | - | - | Cr+SIO-192-C, Cr+SIO-384-C |
| Cr+SIO-3-C | " | " | Cr powder | " | 3 | " | X | | | | > 2×10^6 | - | - | deposited after #192 |
| Cr+SIO-4-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | > 2×10^6 | - | - | Without replenishing source |
| Cr+SIO-5-C | " | " | " | " | $1 \frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | | > 2×10^6 | - | - | load. |
| Cr+SIO-6-C | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | X | | | 1790 | 7×10^5 | 1.24×10^7 | -36.4 | |
| Cr+SIO-7-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | 1750 | 562 | 9.84×10^3 | + 0.24 | |
| Cr+SIO-8-C | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | X | | SIO, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 3550 | 9.63×10^4 | 3.42×10^6 | -30.9 | New evaporant load for #8 |
| Cr+SIO-9-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | 1530 | 1.16×10^5 | 1.77×10^6 | -30.5 | #7 deposited after #8 without |
| Cr+SIO-10-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | 1460 | 2.56×10^6 | 3.74×10^5 | -16.3 | replenishing source load. |
| Cr+SIO-11-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | SIO, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 2200 | 1.26×10^4 | 2.77×10^5 | -16.9 | New evaporant load for #9 |
| Cr+SIO-12-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | 2090 | 3.54×10^3 | 7.4×10^5 | -19 | #10 deposited after #9 |
| Cr+SIO-13-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | SIO, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 814 | 9.12×10^5 | 7.42×10^6 | -37.9 | Without replenishing source |
| Cr+SIO-14-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | | 2290 | 702 | 1.61×10^3 | + 1.13 | load. |
| Cr+SIO-15-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 1630 | 612 | 9.95×10^3 | - 1.01 | |
| Cr+SIO-16-C | " | " | " | " | $\frac{1}{2}$ | " | X | | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 1580 | 1,080 | 1.7×10^4 | - 1.87 | |
| Cr+SIO-17-C | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | X | | Cr, Cr ₂ O ₃ | 2280 | 4,330 | 9.84×10^4 | - 8.04 | |

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| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S.I.O | BAKED PER. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK - NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (1/Ω Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | |
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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | REMARKS | | | | |
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| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB- T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (%) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS)($\mu\Omega$ Cm.) | | TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | | |
| CHROMIUM SILICIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CrSi ₂ - 1 | CORNING # 7059 GLASS | W | 1350 ± 50 | CrSi ₂ | 400 ± 50 | 14 1/2 | | 4X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Cr ₃ Si ₂ | 320. | 192.2 | 192 | 615 | -0.362 | THE EVAPORANT WAS |
| CrSi ₂ - 2 | | BOAT | " | (-200, +375 | " | 1 | | 1X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Cr ₃ Si ₂ | 1,350. | 24.65 | 24.6 | 332 | +1.05 | SUBIMATED AT TEMPERA- |
| CrSi ₂ - 3 | " | " | 21400 | MESH | " | 3 | | 3X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Cr ₃ Si ₂ | 352. | 352 | | | -5.77 | TUNES NEAR AND SLIGHTY |
| CrSi ₂ - 4 | " | " | 1350 ± 50 | " | 300 ± 50 | 10 | | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | | 5 | 300 | Cr ₃ Si ₂ | | 53.32 | 53.3 | | +0.588 | BELOW ITS MELTING |
| CrSi ₂ - 5 | " | " | " | " | " | 10 | | " | | 5 | 300 | Cr ₃ Si ₂ | | 32.02 | 32. | | +1.25 | POINT FOR CrSi ₂ - 1 |
| CrSi ₂ - 6 | " | " | " | " | " | 10 | | 2.3X10 ⁻⁶ | | 5 | 300 | | | 315.1 | 315 | | -4.22 | THRU 9. |
| CrSi ₂ - 7 | " | " | " | " | " | 10 | | (1-5)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 700 | 384.1 | 384 | 2,690. | -7.44 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 8 | " | " | 21400 | " | " | 2 | | (1-5)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 1900 | 12.93 | 12.9 | 246 | +2.29 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 9 | " | " | " | " | 1/6 | | | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | | 53.71 | 53.7 | | +0.594 | |
| CrSi ₂ - 12 | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | E-beam @ 2.6 KW, Cu Crucible | " | 250 | 3 | " | X | | | | | STRONG | 1360 | 293 | 29.3 | 398 | +0.401 | FOR CrSi ₂ - 12 AND 13, THE |
| CrSi ₂ - 13 | | | | " | 3 | " | X | | | | | CR LINE | 1290 | 324 | 32.4 | 418 | +0.302 | EVAPORATION WAS FROM MOLTEN POOL OF EVAPORANT IN A MASS- IVE Cu CRUCIBLE. |
| CHROMIUM SILICIDE-SILICON BORIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 1 | GLASS | E-beam @ 1 1/2 KW, Cu Crucible | PWDR. MIX- TURE OF MASS RATIO 2:1 | 300 | 9 | (1-5)10 ⁻⁶ | | 4 1/2 | 300 | | | | 15,471 | 1,547 | | | -25.2 | CONSIDERABLE SPITTING |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 2 | MICRO- | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 11,448 | 1,145 | | | -24.7 | OF B ₄ Si |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 3 | SCOPE | " | CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 6,640 | 14,095 | 1,410 | 93,600. | -25. | |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 4 | SLIDE | E-beam @ (2-4) KW, Cu Crucible | CrSi ₂ MELT ON B ₄ Si POWDER | 250 | 3 | (1-20)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | | | 2,730 | 461.9 | 462 | 1,250 | +1.23 | FOR CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 4, 5, & 6, |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 5 | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | | 461.7 | 46.2 | | +1.36 | THE E-BEAM WAS CENTERED |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si - 6 | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 2,830 | 235.6 | 235 | 650 | -0.631 | ON A SPHERICAL MELT OF CrSi ₂ ON TOP OF A BED OF B ₄ Si POWDER. THE CrSi ₂ MELT DID NOT WET THE B ₄ Si. VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, OF THE B ₄ Si WAS EVAPORATED. FILM COMPOSITION WAS PROBABLY Cr ₃ Si. |

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| (SERIAL NO.) | (TYPE) | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (Ω CM) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | |
| CHROMIUM SILICIDE-TITANIUM SILICIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -3 | GLASS | E-BEAM (2-3) KW | 1:1 | 250 | 4 | 6.6 X 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | {CrSi ₂ } | 656 | 5,310 | 531 | 3,480 | -4.42 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -4 | MICRO- | CU CRUCI- BLE | MASS | " | " | " | X | | | {ONLY} | 709 | 5,130 | 513 | 3,640 | -4.38 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -5 | SCOPE | E-BEAM (3-3.5) KW | MIXTURE | 275 | 3 | 2 X 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 552 | 2,024 | 202 | 1,120 | -1.06 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -6 | SLIDE | CU CRUCI- BLE | OF CrSi ₂ | " | " | " | | 4 1/2 | 300 | | | 1,981 | 198 | 1,200 | -1.68 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -7 | " | E-BEAM 4 KW | AND | 250 | 2 | (2-10) 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 1,380 | 563.5 | 563 | 777 | -2.88 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -8 | " | CU CRUCI- SIBLE | TiSi ₂ | " | " | " | | 4 1/2 | 300 | | | 598 | 598 | | -3.1 |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -9 | " | " | POWDERS | " | " | " | X | | | | | 563.1 | 563 | 81,800 | -2.86 |
| COPPER-SILICON MONOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cu + SiO-1A-A | " | W-BEAM FOR Cu | Cu WIRE | 450 | 4 | 9 X 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | - | 353.6 | 354 | - | +4.28 |
| Cu + SiO-1B-A | " | W-BEAM FOR Cu | SiO | " | " | " | X | | | Cu, Cu ₂ O | - | 675.4 | 675 | - | -4.09 |
| Cu + SiO-1C-A | " | SiO | TABLET | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 5.58 X 10 ⁶ | 5.58 X 10 ⁶ | - | R increased beyond Bridge Range during TCR |
| Cu + SiO-2A-A | " | " | " | " | " | 1 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1,110 | 5.11 | 5.11 | 56.7 | +9.27 |
| Cu + SiO-2B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,250 | 6.17 | 6.17 | 77.2 | +9.23 |
| Cu + SiO-2C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 838 | 13.99 | 14 | 117 | +7.43 |
| Cu + SiO-3A-A | " | " | " | " | " | 7 X 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | - | 1,484 | 1,480 | - | +5.8 |
| Cu + SiO-3B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 1,656 | 1,660 | - | +6.98 |
| Cu + SiO-3C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 975 | 3,881 | 3,880 | 37,800 | +6.6 |
| Cu + SiO-4A-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 2,300 | 195.6 | 196 | 4,500 | +9.7 |
| Cu + SiO-4B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | Cu | 1,955 | 226.5 | 226 | 4,430 | -15.4? |
| Cu + SiO-4C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,620 | 875.2 | 875 | 14,200 | +11 |
| Cu + SiO-5A-A | " | " | " | " | " | 2 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | - | 1,610.5 | 1,610 | - | +8.86 |
| Cu + SiO-5B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,360 | 3,690 | 3,690 | 50,200 | +8.48 |
| Cu + SiO-6A-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 516.4 | 516 | - | +7.87 |
| Cu + SiO-6B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | Cu | 2,350 | 1,275 | 1,270 | 29,900 | +7.38 |
| Cu + SiO-6C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,040 | 6,757.5 | 6,760 | 70,300 | +5.86 |
| Cu + SiO-7A-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 1,976 | 1,980 | - | +4.13 |
| Cu + SiO-7B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | Cu | 2,735 | 7,017 | 7,200 | 192,000 | +4.07 |
| Cu + SiO-7C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,940 | 2,09 X 10 ⁵ | 2.09 X 10 ⁵ | 40,600 | -26.7 |
| Cu + SiO-8B-A | " | " | " | " | 8 | 1 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1,410 | 966.4 | 966 | 13,600 | +10.9 |
| Cu + SiO-8C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,323 | 704 | 704 | 9,310 | +10.5 |
| Cu + SiO-9A-A | " | " | " | " | 8.5 | 2 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 471 | 60.9 | 60.9 | 286 | -15 |
| Cu + SiO-9B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | NON-KTAL | 706 | 7,779 | 7,780 | 55,000 | -98.7 |
| Cu + SiO-9C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 26,400 | 26,400 | - | -85.4 |

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DETAILED FABRICATION DATA AND RESISTOR PARAMETERS

| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | REMARKS | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------|---|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | SIO | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) ($\mu\Omega$ Cm) | TCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| COPPER - SILICON MONOXIDE (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-1-B | CORN- ING | INDEPEND- ENTLY HEATED BN CRU- CIBLES FOR Cu | Cu WIRE AND SIO POWDER | 370 | 2 | 7×10^{-6} | ✓ | | | | 921 | 1.28×10^6 | 1.28×10^6 | 1.18×10^7 | -35.7 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-2-B | " | " | " | " | 2 | 5×10^{-6} | × | | Cu | | 923 | 1.77×10^5 | 1.77×10^5 | 1.63×10^6 | -24.8 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-3-B | #7059 | " | " | " | 2 | $(1-10) \times 10^{-6}$ | × | | | | - | 40.5 | 40.5 | - | +1.8 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-4-B | GLASS | " | " | " | 2 | 1.3×10^{-5} | × | | | | 971 | 4.33 | 4.33 | 42 | +2.76 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-5-B | " | " | " | " | 2 | $(1-10) \times 10^{-6}$ | × | | | | - | 1.49 | 1.49 | - | +4.75 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-6-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | × | | | | - | 3.96 | 3.96 | - | +5.58 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-7-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | × | | Cu | 1,476 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 23.7 | +5.48 | | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-8-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | × | | | | - | 3.71 | 3.71 | - | +4.11 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-9-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | × | | | | - | 6.2 | 6.2 | - | +6.07 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-10-B | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | × | | Cu | 5,065 | 2.142 | 2.144 | 1.08×10^3 | +4.08 | | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-11-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | × | | | | - | 7.64 | 7.64 | - | +4.0 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-12-B | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | × | | | | - | 9.86 | 9.86 | - | +4.9 | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-13-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | × | | Cu, CuO | | 5.1×10^6 | 5.1×10^6 | - | -30.1 | | |
| Cu+S ₂ O-14-B | " | " | " | " | 2 | " | × | | Cu, (PCuO OR Cu ₂ O) | 765 | 2.44 | 2.44 | 18.6 | +7.87 | | |
| GADOLINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gd-1A-B | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | TO BOAT | Gd | 450 | 25 | 3×10^{-5} | × | | | | 5,890 | 56.4 | 56.4 | 332 | +5.96 | OBSERVED RAPID CHANGE IN APPEARANCE WITH TIME DUE TO SURFACE OXIDATION WITH REMOVAL FROM VACUUM. |
| Gd-1B-B | " | " | TURN- | " | " | " | × | | | | | 46.7 | 46.7 | | +7.6 | |
| Gd-1C-B | " | " | INGS | " | " | " | × | | | | 2,490 | 52.7 | 52.7 | 132 | +6.74 | |
| Gd-1D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | × | | | | | 76.4 | 76.4 | | +5.03 | |
| GADOLINIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gd+O ₂ -1A-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | 1×10^{-5} | × | | | | 1,369 | 157 | 15.7 | 214 | +6.2 | A+O ₂ BLEED INTO BELL JAR TO INCREASE PRESSURE |
| Gd+O ₂ -1B-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | × | | | | | - | - | - | - | |
| Gd+O ₂ -1C-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | × | | | | 1,213 | 272 | 27.2 | 330 | +5.87 | FROM $\approx 2 \times 10^{-6}$ TORR TO INDICATED VALUE. FILMS WERE SUPPOSEDLY DEPOSITED IN A PARTIAL PRESSURE OF OXYGEN, BUT INCOM- PLETE PURGING OF THE BLEEDER LINE RESULTED IN ADMISSION OF A+O ₂ CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF A. |
| Gd+O ₂ -1D-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | × | | | | | 445 | 44.5 | | +5.35 | |
| Gd+O ₂ -2A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 5×10^{-5} | × | | | | 1,186 | 518 | 51.8 | 616 | +3.89 | |
| Gd+O ₂ -2B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | × | | | | | 488 | 48.8 | | +4.6 | |
| Gd+O ₂ -2C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | × | | | | | - | - | - | - | |
| Gd+O ₂ -2D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | × | | | | 577 | 910 | 91 | 525 | +3.9 | |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | REMARKS |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S.O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (10 ⁻⁴ Ω Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ %/°C) | |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mn - 1 - C | GLASS | R.D | Mn | 400 | 5 | (5-8)10 ⁻⁵ | x | | | | | 91.32 | 11.4 | | -0.33 |
| Mn - 2 - C | MICRO- | MATHIS | (96%) | " | " | " | x | | | | | 6.128 | 6.13 | | +1.39 |
| Mn - 3 - C | SCOPE | TYPE | Carbon | " | 10 | 2x10 ⁻⁵ | x | | | Mn (6?) | 730 | 286.75 | 28.7 | 210 | +1.46 |
| Mn - 4 - C | SLIDE | ME-1 | free | " | " | " | x | | | | | 276.68 | 27.7 | | |
| MANGANESE-SILICON MONOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | (TYPE) | (TOL) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mn+SiO-1-C | " | ME-1 | 1050 ±50 | 0.5g Mn, 2g SiO ₂ | " | 2 | 2.5x10 ⁻⁶ | x | | | 500 | | 134 | 670 | +0.81 |
| Mn+SiO-2-C | " | " | " | 0.05g Mn, 1g SiO ₂ | " | 7 | " | x | | | 1,945 | | 106 | 2,060 | +0.52 |
| Mn+SiO-3-C | " | " | " | 0.05g Mn, 2g SiO ₂ | " | 2 | " | x | | | 670 | | 103 | 690 | +0.86 |
| Mn+SiO-4-C | " | " | " | 0.05g Mn, 2g SiO ₂ | " | 20 | " | x | | | 1,880 | | 690,000 | 1.3x10 ⁷ | -33.3 |
| Mn+SiO-5-C | " | " | " | 0.1g Mn 2g SiO ₂ | " | 15 | " | x | | Mn(2), MnO | 803 | | 1,030 | 8,270 | -2.32 |
| Mn+SiO-6-C | " | " | " | After #5 | " | 20 | " | x | | | 1,130 | | 34,900 | 3.95x10 ⁵ | -20.8 |
| Mn+SiO-7-C | " | " | 1075 ±50 | After #6 | " | 10 | " | x | | | 873 | | 2,030 | 1.77x10 ⁴ | -3.65 |
| Mn+SiO-8-C | " | " | " | Mixture of Mn 4SiO ₂ | " | 10 | (1-5)10 ⁻⁵ | x | | | 1,500 | 43,514 | 4,350 | 6.7x10 ⁴ | -8.8 |
| Mn+SiO-9-C | " | " | " | " | " | 10 | " | x | | | 480 | 331,380 | 33,140 | 1.6x10 ⁵ | -11.5 |
| Mn+SiO-10-C | " | " | " | " | " | 15 | " | x | | α Mn | 3,700 | 1,027 | 103 | 3,800 | -0.466 |
| Mn+SiO-11-C | " | " | " | " | " | 15 | " | x | | | 1,300 | 2,2058 | 221 | 2,700 | -0.02 |
| Mn+SiO-12-C | " | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | x | | α Mn | 1,200 | 8459 | 84.6 | 1,000 | +0.728 |
| Mn+SiO-13-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 640 | 7785 | 778 | 500 | +1.4 |
| Mn+SiO-14-C | " | " | 1050 ±50 | " | " | " | " | x | | α Mn | 1,200 | 708.5 | 70.8 | 850 | +0.81 |
| Mn+SiO-15-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 430 | 1,1772 | 117.7 | 500 | +1.4 |
| Mn+SiO-16-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 910 | 1,107.4 | 111 | 1,000 | +0.703 |
| Mn+SiO-17-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 330 | 2,101.7 | 210 | 700 | +1.13 |
| Mn+SiO-18-C | " | " | " | " | " | 7 | " | x | | | 660 | 1,443.4 | 144 | 950 | +0.79 |
| Mn+SiO-19-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 450 | 1,769 | 177 | 800 | +0.92 |
| Mn+SiO-20-C | " | " | 1075 ±50 | " | " | 15 | " | x | | α Mn | 2,200 | 66,910 | 6,691 | 1.5x10 ⁵ | -12.2 |
| Mn+SiO-21-C | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | x | | | 1,400 | 432,080 | 43,210 | 6x10 ⁵ | -19.5 |

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| RESISTOR | SUB-STRATE | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | REMARKS |
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| (SERIAL NO.) | (TYPE) | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP-ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | NONE | SiO | BAKED PER. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPOSITION (2) | THICKNESS (Å) | RESISTANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (MΩ.Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | |
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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | | PROTECTION | | | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | | REMARKS |
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| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (10 ⁻⁹ Ω Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | | | |
| NIOBIUM NITRIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NbN-1A-A | GLASS MICRO- | Ta-BOAT | NbN | 450 | 1 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 518 | 1275 | 1270 | 6,600 | -4.1 | Ta BOAT DESTROYED FROM | | |
| NbN-1B-A | SCOPE SLIDE | " | POWDER | " | 1 | " | X | | | | 400 | 725 | 725 | 2,900 | -3.6 | REACTION WITH EVAPORANT. | | |
| NbN-1C-A | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | X | | | | 309 | 1,510 | 1510 | 4,670 | -5.7 | | | |
| NICKEL BORIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ni ₂ B-1-B | CORNING | W-BASKET | Ni ₂ B | 300 ±50 | 1 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | PRIMARYLY Ni | <100 | 3,003 | 3,003 | <3x10 ³ | -2.12 | | | |
| Ni ₂ B-2-B | #7059 | " | PELLET | " | 1 1/2 | " | X | | | " | 405 | 10.47 | 10.5 | 42.4 | +15.4 | | | |
| Ni ₂ B-3-B | GLASS | W-BOAT | " | " | 1 | " | X | | | Ni ONLY | 350 | 16.76 | 16.8 | 58.7 | +16.5 | | | |
| TANTALUM OXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -1A-A | GLASS | Ta-BOAT | Ta ₂ O ₅ | 450 | 31 | 5x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 8.01x10 ⁶ | 8.01x10 ⁶ | | -80 | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -1B-A | MICRO- | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 9.5x10 ⁶ | 9.5x10 ⁶ | | | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -2A-A | SCOPE | " | " | " | 3 | 5x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 658 | 9.51x10 ⁶ | 9.51x10 ⁶ | | -64 | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -2C-A | SLIDE | " | " | " | 3 | " | X | | | | 614 | 5.72x10 ⁶ | 5.72x10 ⁶ | 3.5x10 ⁷ | -71 | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -3-A | " | W-BOAT | " | " | 31 | 2x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | >10 ⁷ | >10 ⁷ | | - | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -4A-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | 2x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | | 40,160 | 40,160 | | -54.6 | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -4B-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | | | 24,420 | 24,420 | | -49.3 | | | |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ -4C-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | | 865 | 56,300 | 56,300 | 4.87x10 ⁵ | -54.4 | | | |
| TITANIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ti-1-B | " | STRAND- ED W | Ti WIRE | 275 | 1/2 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 21.86 | 13 | | +21 | | | |

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| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (1/2 Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | |
| TITANIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 1 - B | GLASS | STRANDED WY | Ti WIRE | 2400 | ≈ 1/2 | 5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 30.89 | 17.9 | + 8 | FOR Ti + O ₂ SPECIMENS | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 2 - B | MICRO- | " | " | " | " | 5X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 18.81 | 10.7 | +21 | A + O ₂ WAS ADMITTED INTO | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 4A - B | SCOPE | " | " | " | 85 | 1X10 ⁻³ | X | | | | 767 | 332.1 | 35.2 | 270 | + 1.95 | BELL JAR TO INCREASE |
| Ti + O ₂ - 4B - B | SLIDE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 504 | 484.6 | 51.6 | 260 | - 0.18 | THE PRESSURE FROM |
| Ti + O ₂ - 4C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 305 | 709.4 | 66.5 | 203 | - 0.88 | ≈ 2X10 ⁻⁶ TORR TO INDICATED |
| Ti + O ₂ - 4D - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 1142 | 107 | - 0.25 | VALUE. FOR TiO ₂ + O ₂ - 1 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 8A - B | " | " | " | " | " | 1X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 456 | 5,009. | 470 | 2,140 | -13.4 | THRU 4, THE GAS |
| Ti + O ₂ - 8B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 4,520. | 424 | - | -15.1 | ADMITTED WAS PRIMARILY |
| Ti + O ₂ - 8C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 663 | 2,584 | 258 | 1,710 | -16.8 | ARGON WITH A TRACE OF O ₂ . |
| Ti + O ₂ - 8D - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 238 | 9,991 | 1050 | 2,500 | -21.8 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 9A - B | " | " | " | " | 10 | 5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1230 | 17,880 | 1,790 | 22,000 | -33.5 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 9B - B | " | " | " | " | 10 | " | X | | | | 498 | 32,080 | 3,210 | 16,000 | -36.2 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 9C - B | " | " | " | " | 10 | " | X | | | | 586 | 82,800 | 7,770 | 45,000 | -41.6 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 9D - B | " | " | " | " | 10 | " | X | | | | | 351,700 | 30,700 | | -44.1 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 10A - B | " | " | " | " | " | 1X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | 504 | 62,780 | 6,670 | 33,600 | -49.8 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 10B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 148,400 | 15,800 | | -51.6 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 10C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 250 | 1,119,000 | 111,600 | 279,000 | -54.4 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 11A - B | " | " | " | " | 12 | 7.5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 556 | 39,690 | 3,970 | 22,000 | -48.4 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 11B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 530 | 201,800 | 20,200 | 107,000 | -54.9 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 11C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 1,707,000 | 175,000 | | -57.8 | |
| Ti + O ₂ - 12 - B | " | " | " | " | 10 | 2.5X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | > 10 ⁷ | | | | |
| TITANIUM MONOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiO - 1A - FA | " | W-BOT | TiO | 350 | FLASH- ED | 5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1070 | 122.1 | 122 | 1,370 | -3.99 | |
| TiO - 1B - FA | " | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 113.5 | 113 | - | -3.53 | |
| TiO - 1C - FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 173.7 | 174 | - | -4.53 | |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | | PROTECTION | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | REMARKS |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY | | TCR | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | R/SQ. | SPECIFIC ($\mu\Omega$ Gm.) | ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | |
| TITANIUM MONOXIDE (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiO-2A-FA | GLASS | W-BOAT | TiO | 350 | FLASH 40 | 4×10^{-5} | X | | | | 655 | 274 | 274 | 1,790 | -4.05 | |
| TiO-2C-FA | MICRO- | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 392.02 | 392 | | -4.06 | |
| TiO-3A-FA | SCOPE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 7,483 | 7,483 | | -9.5 | |
| TiO-3B-FA | SLIDE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | EST 100 | 4,036 | 4,036 | 4,000 | -7.5 | |
| TiO-3C-FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 10,680 | 10,680 | | -14.9 | |
| TiO-4A-FA | " | Ta-BOAT | " | " | " | 2×10^{-5} | X | | | | | 105.1 | 105.1 | | -5.05 | |
| TiO-4B-FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 700 | 970 | 97 | 679 | -5.05 | |
| TiO-4C-FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 600 | 1572 | 1572 | 943 | -5.38 | |
| TiO-5A-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | 7×10^{-6} | X | | | | | 74.24 | 74.2 | | -4.24 | |
| TiO-5B-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | " | X | | | | 1280 | 53.72 | 53.7 | 687 | -4.13 | |
| TiO-5C-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | " | X | | | | | 68.43 | 68.4 | | -4.63 | |
| TITANIUM DIOXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiO ₂ -1A-FA | " | " | TiO ₂ | 350 | FLASH 40 | 2×10^{-5} | X | | | | | 167.3 | 167 | | -8.55 | |
| TiO ₂ -1B-FA | " | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | 923 | 102.6 | 103 | 947 | -7.0 | |
| TiO ₂ -1C-FA | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 138.8 | 139 | | -7.75 | |
| TiO ₂ -2A-A | " | " | " | 450 | 4 | " | X | | | | | 93.91 | 93.9 | | -9.57 | |
| TiO ₂ -2B-A | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | X | | | | 1090 | 70.82 | 70.8 | 772 | -7.96 | |
| TiO ₂ -2C-A | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | X | | | | | 112.17 | 112 | | -10.3 | |
| TiO ₂ -3B-A | " | Mo BOAT | " | " | 21 | 5×10^{-5} | X | | | | < 100 | 10,460. | 10,460 | 21.05×10^4 | -33.8 | Mo BOAT ATTACKED SEVERELY |
| TiO ₂ -4A-A | " | W BOAT | " | " | 21 | 2×10^{-5} | X | | | | 555 | 118,400 | 118,400 | 6.57×10^5 | -50.7 | |
| TiO ₂ -4C-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | " | X | | | | 484 | 92,710 | 92,710 | 4.48×10^5 | -54.0 | |
| TITANIUM BORIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiB ₂ -1 | " | E-BEAM (2-5.6 KW) | TiB ₂ | 260 | 2 1/2 | (3-30)/10 ⁶ | X | | | STRONG | BOTH FILMS | RETICULATED; HOWEVER, THE RESISTANCE | | | | |
| TiB ₂ -2 | " | Cu CRU P325 MESN | " | " | " | " | X | | | Ti LINE | OF ONE OF THESE | WAS 2500-Ω | | | | |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | REMARKS | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB- T (°C) | DEP- PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (μΩ.Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | | |
| TITANIUM BORIDE (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiB ₂ - 3 | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | E-BEAM (2-3.5)KW Cu CRU | TiB ₂ | 370 | 2 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | NO PATTERN | | 3,507 | 350 | ESTIMATED | -4.13 | FILMS RETICULATED. | |
| TiB ₂ - 4 | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | " | EST. 2,1500 | 1,320 | 1,320 | > 1x10 ⁴ | -4.29 | COULD NOT MEASURE | |
| TiB ₂ - 5 | " | " | MESH | " | " | " | X | | | " | | 8,947 | 895 | | -1.72 | THICKNESS BECAUSE OF SURFACE ROUGHNESS. | |
| TITANIUM NITRIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiN - 1A-A | " | W BOAT | TiN | 450 | 5 | 1x10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 768 | 44.87 | 44.9 | 345 | -0.31 | EVAPORANT SUBLIMED |
| TiN - 1B-A | " | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 588 | 106.93 | 107 | 630 | -1.54 | ON TiN SPECIMENS. |
| TiN - 1C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 54.72 | 54.7 | | -0.67 | |
| TiN - 2A-A | " | " | " | " | 5 | 1.6x10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 708 | 292.6 | 293 | 2,070 | -7.4 | |
| TiN - 2B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 583 | 147.54 | 148 | 863 | -4.67 | |
| TiN - 2C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 203.5 | 203 | | -5.93 | |
| TiN - 3A-A | " | " | " | " | " | 1x10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 413 | 348.71 | 349 | 1,440 | -6.46 | |
| TiN - 3B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 357 | 180.59 | 181 | 646 | -3.26 | |
| TiN - 3C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | | 219.24 | 219 | | -5.02 | |
| TITANIUM SILICIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiSi ₂ - 1-B | CORNING | W BOAT | TiSi ₂ | 25 | 5/12 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 1060 | 2,716 | 2,716 | 3.45x10 ⁴ | -16.3 | SOURCE TEMPERATURE | |
| TiSi ₂ - 2-B | #7059 | " | -200, + 325 | 300 | 1/3 | " | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 250 | 3.8x10 ⁶ | 3.8x10 ⁶ | 9.5x10 ⁶ | -63.6 | RANGE FOR TiSi ₂ - 1 THRU 5 | |
| TiSi ₂ - 3-B | GLASS | " | MESH | " | 1/2 | " | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 542 | 6.56x10 ⁶ | 6.56x10 ⁶ | 3.06x10 ⁷ | -65 | WAS 1400°C to 1500°C. | |
| TiSi ₂ - 4-B | " | " | " | " | 2 1/2 | " | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 584 | 123,650 | 123,650 | 7.22x10 ⁵ | -41 | | |
| TiSi ₂ - 5-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | (0.3-2)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 773 | 243,810 | 243,810 | 1.89x10 ⁶ | -44.2 | | |
| TiSi ₂ - 6-B | " | " | " | " | 1/6 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 780 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 1,050 | -5.76 | SOURCE TEMPERATURE | |
| TiSi ₂ - 7-B | " | " | " | " | 1/20 | 1x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 365 | 429.2 | 429.2 | 1,570 | -7.36 | RANGE FOR TiSi ₂ - 6 THRU 12 | |
| TiSi ₂ - 8-B | " | " | " | " | 1/20 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | 374 | 1,605.9 | 1,606 | 6,120 | -10.3 | WAS 1500°C TO 1600°C. | |
| TiSi ₂ - 9-B | " | " | " | " | 1/12 | " | X | | | | | 135.1 | 135.1 | est. 1x10 ³ | -5.85 | | |
| TiSi ₂ - 10-B | " | " | " | " | 1/12 | " | X | | | Si + TiSi ₂ | | 148.8 | 148.8 | est. 1.7x10 ³ | -7.5 | | |

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O 2 | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (Ω cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | |
| TITANIUM SILICIDE (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiSi ₂ -11-B | CORNING #7050 | W BOAT | TiSi ₂ -200 | 300 | 1/2 | (1-10)/B ⁴ | | | 7 | 300 | TiSi ₂ | 4132 | 4132 | -3.61 | |
| TiSi ₂ -12-B | GLASS | " | +325 MESH | " | 1/2 | " | | | 7 | 300 | TiSi ₂ | 109.7 | 109.7 | -5.13 | |
| THULIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tm-1A-B | GLASS | Ta BOAT | Tm | 400 | 10 | 5X10 ⁻⁶ | x | | | | | 45.74 | 4.57 | +13.8 | Tm reacted with the |
| Tm-1B-B | MICRO- | " | " | " | 10 | " | x | | | | | 44.4 | 4.44 | +11.8 | Ta boat severely. |
| Tm-1C-B | SCOPE | " | " | " | 10 | " | x | | | | | 51.57 | 5.16 | +13.1 | |
| Tm-1D-B | SLIDE | " | " | " | 10 | " | x | | | | | 31.86 | 8.19 | +12.2 | |
| THULIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tm+O ₂ -2A-B | " | W BASKET | Tm | 400 | 10 | 3X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 249.7 | 25 | +10.5 | For Tm+O ₂ SPECIMENS |
| Tm+O ₂ -2B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 296.1 | 29.6 | +8.9 | ARGON + O ₂ WAS BLEED |
| Tm+O ₂ -5A-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 318.2 | 31.8 | +10.0 | INTO BELL JAR TO |
| Tm+O ₂ -5B-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | x | | | | 743 | 316.2 | 31.6 | 235 | INCREASE THE PRESSURE |
| Tm+O ₂ -6A-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | 8. X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 449.5 | 45 | +6.7 | FROM 2X10 ⁻⁶ TORR |
| Tm+O ₂ -6B-B | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | X | | | | | 195 | 19.5 | +8.5 | TO INDICATED VALUE. |
| Tm+O ₂ -7A-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 5X10 ⁻⁵ | x | | | | | 162 | 16.2 | +10.5 | THERE WAS ONLY A TRACE |
| Tm+O ₂ -7B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 184.7 | 18.5 | +11.2 | OF OXYGEN IN THE |
| Tm+O ₂ -8A-B | " | " | " | " | 15 | 2X10 ⁻⁵ | x | | | | | 172.3 | 17.2 | +10.5 | ARGON AND LITTLE, IF |
| Tm+O ₂ -8B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 219.0 | 21.9 | +9.0 | ANY, OXIDATION OF THE |
| VANADIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V-1A-A | " | STRAND- ED W | V WIRE | 450 | 21 | 2X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 742 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 96.3 | +8.54 |
| V-1B-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | " | x | | | | 920 | 9.81 | 9.81 | 90.2 | +9.25 |
| V-1C-A | " | " | " | " | 21 | " | x | | | | 925 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 102 | +8.37 |

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| RESISTOR | SUB-STRATE | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | REMARKS | |
|---|------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------|---|
| (SERIAL NO.) | (TYPE) | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAPORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | NONE | S.O PER. (HRS) | THICK - POSITION (2) | RESISTANCE (Ω) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (Ω CM) | TGR (10 ⁻⁴ °C) | | | |
| VANADIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V + O ₂ - 3C - A | GLASS | STRANDED WY | V WIRE | 450 | 22 | 1 x 10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | 1080 | 27.5 | 27.5 | ? 297 | +14.5 | LINE RESULTED IN |
| V + O ₂ - 4A - A | MICRO- | " | " | " | 22 | 1 x 10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | 333 | 24.4 | 24.4 | 81.3 | +15.5 | ADMISSION OF A MIXTURE |
| V + O ₂ - 4C - A | SCOPE | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 590 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 97.4 | +13.7 | OF ARGON AND O ₂ |
| V + O ₂ - 1A - B | SLIDE | STRANDED NY | " | 400 | 3 | 8 x 10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | 34090 | 3.310 | | | -19.2 | IN SOME INSTANCES, |
| V + O ₂ - 1B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 156 | | | | | |
| V + O ₂ - 1C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 445,400 | 44,540 | | | -84 | |
| V + O ₂ - 1D - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 3.38 x 10 ⁶ | 340,000 | | | -236 | |
| V + O ₂ - 2A - B | " | " | " | " | 15 | " | X | | | 30,600 | 3,060 | | | -9.9 | |
| V + O ₂ - 2B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 73,600 | 6,940 | | | -22.8 | |
| V + O ₂ - 2C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 536,000 | 50,500 | | | -39.8 | |
| V + O ₂ - 3A - B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 3 x 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | 603 | 563.1 | 56.3 | 352 | -1.2 | |
| V + O ₂ - 3B - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 509 | 504.5 | 53.6 | 273 | +0.07 | |
| V + O ₂ - 3C - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 287 | 605.5 | 60.5 | 174 | +0.44 | |
| V + O ₂ - 3D - B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 237 | 132.5 | 132.5 | 314 | -1.66 | |
| VANADIUM EVAPORATED IN AIR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V + AIR - 1A - A | " | STRANDED WY | " | 450 | 22 | 5 x 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | 654 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 109 | +5.85 | SUPPOSEDLY AIR WAS |
| V + AIR - 1B - A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 718 | 16.95 | 16.9 | 122 | +6.47 | ADMITTED TO BELL PARTU |
| V + AIR - 1C - A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 694 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 148 | +6.95 | INCREASED PRESSURE FROM |
| V + AIR - 2A - A | " | " | " | " | 22 | 1 x 10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | 330 | | 56.7 | 184 | +3.8 | APPROXIMATELY 2 x 10 ⁻⁶ TORR |
| V + AIR - 2B - A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 339 | | 61.8 | 210 | +3.02 | TO INDICATED VALUE. |
| V + AIR - 2C - A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | | | 76.4 | | +3.17 | APPARENTLY, INCOMPLETE |
| V + AIR - 3A - A | " | " | " | 150 | 5 | 5 x 10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | | 43.3 | - | +6.84 | FLUSHING OF THE BLEEDER |
| V + AIR - 3B - A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 567 | 28.7 | 16.3 | +9.23 | LINE OF ARGON RESULTED | |
| V + AIR - 3C - A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 669 | | 26.5 | 177 | +10.4 | IN ADMISSION OF AN |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ARGON - AIR MIXTURE | |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. TEMP. (°C) | DEP. (MIN) | P (TORR) | NONE | S.O. | BAKED PER. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (Ω ·cm) | | TCR (10^{-4} °C) |
| VANADIUM OXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V ₂ O ₅ -1A-A | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | W-BOAT | V ₂ O ₅ | 450 | 2 | (1-20)10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | 1572 | 1572 | -4.22 | |
| V ₂ O ₅ -2A-A | " | " | POWDER | " | " | " | X | | | | | 687,000 | 687,000 | -8.29 | |
| V ₂ O ₅ -2B-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 4,290 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 2.15x10 ⁷ | -86.3 |
| V ₂ O ₅ -2C-A | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 3,705 | 766,000 | 766,000 | 2.84x10 ⁷ | -87.9 |
| ZIRCONIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr-1A-B | " | 7/1015 W | Zr WIRE | 450 | 8 | 2.5x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | VERY THIN | | 266 | - | -1.47 |
| Zr-1B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | " | | 336 | - | -1.9 |
| Zr-1C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | " | | 564 | - | -2.4 |
| Zr-1D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | " | | 905 | - | -2.1 |
| Zr-2-B | " | " | " | " | " | 5x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | " | | >106 | - | - |
| Zr-3A-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 330 | | 422 | 1,390 | -2.69 |
| Zr-3B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | VERY THIN | | 655 | - | -2.99 |
| Zr-3C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | " | | 944 | - | -2.32 |
| Zr-3D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | " | | 1,480 | - | -2.73 |
| Zr-4A-B | " | " | " | 360 | 5 | 3x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 975 | | 827 | 8,060 | -4.22 |
| Zr-4B-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | | 817 | | 1,199 | 9,800 | -3.11 |
| Zr-4C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 588 | | 1,629 | 9,580 | -4.11 |
| Zr-4D-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | | 869 | | 2,106 | 18,300 | -4.32 |
| Zr-5A-B | " | " | " | 450 | 5 | 4.2x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 1,182 | | 53.4 | 631 | -1.12 |
| Zr-5B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,050 | | 61.9 | 655 | -1.59 |
| Zr-5C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 738 | | 106 | 783 | -2.42 |
| Zr-5D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | Est 500 | | 233 | 1165 | -3.3 |
| Zr-6A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 4.8x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | 1,125 | | 15.6 | 174 | +5.01 |
| Zr-6B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | Est 1,050 | | 22.9 | 240 | +3.02 |
| Zr-6C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 735 | | 34.1 | 250 | +1.45 |
| Zr-6D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 587 | | 61.5 | 355 | -0.01 |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS (1) | | | | | REMARKS |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | NONE | S.O (HRS) | BAKED PER. T (°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (KΩ Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | |
| ZIRCONIUM (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr - 7A-B | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | 7/015W | Zr WIRE | 450 | 10 | 4.3X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | | 23,300 | | -1.6 | |
| Zr - 7B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 19,700 | | -12.8 | |
| Zr - 7C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | - | | - | |
| Zr - 7D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | - | | - | |
| Zr - 8A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 1X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 730 | 40 | 282 | +0.11 | |
| Zr - 8B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 786 | 49 | 385 | -0.23 | |
| Zr - 8C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 79.8 | - | -1.07 | |
| Zr - 8D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 520 | 160 | 832 | -1.62 | |
| ZIRCONIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr+O ₂ -1-B | " | " | " | " | 6 | >1X10 ⁻³ | X | | | | | >10 ⁶ | | | FOR Zr+O ₂ SPECIMENS, |
| Zr+O ₂ -2-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | | | >10 ⁶ | | | GAS WAS ADMITTED TO |
| Zr+O ₂ -3A-B | " | " | " | " | 1/4 | 1X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 621 | 131 | 815 | -2.64 | BELL JAR TO INCREASE |
| Zr+O ₂ -3B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | BROKE | 195 | - | -2.67 | PRESSURE FROM 3.2X10 ⁻⁶ |
| Zr+O ₂ -3C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 297 | - | -2.32 | TORR TO INDICATED |
| Zr+O ₂ -3D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | BROKE | 511 | - | -2.61 | VALUE. THE BLEEDER |
| Zr+O ₂ -4A-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 5.3X10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | 936 | 155 | 145 | +3.6 | LINE WAS NOT PURGED |
| Zr+O ₂ -4B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 917 | 21.9 | 201 | +2.07 | PROPERLY FOR Zr+O ₂ -1-B |
| Zr+O ₂ -4C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | BROKE | 345 | - | +0.53 | THRU Zr+O ₂ -1B-B AND |
| Zr+O ₂ -4D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 366 | 62.1 | 226 | -0.44 | A MIXTURE OF A9O2 |
| Zr+O ₂ -5-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 5.5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | - | >10 ⁶ | - | | WAS ADMITTED, THIS |
| Zr+O ₂ -6-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | >10 ⁶ | - | | MIXTURE CONSISTED |
| Zr+O ₂ -7A-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 8X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | | BROKE | 95.8 | - | -0.75 | PRIMARYLY OF ARGON IN |
| Zr+O ₂ -7B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 107 | - | -0.43 | MOST INSTANCES. A |
| Zr+O ₂ -7C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 392 | 193 | 757 | +0.23 | RELATIVELY HIGH RESISTIVITY |
| Zr+O ₂ -7D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | BROKE | 332 | - | -0.67 | WITH NEGATIVE T.C.R. VALUE |
| Zr+O ₂ -8A-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | 2X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 726 | 83.8 | 604 | +0.01 | INDICATES A PREDOMINANCE OF O ₂ |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | REMARKS |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DER. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S.O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (μΩ Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | |
| ZIRCONIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr+O ₂ -8B-B | GLASS MICRO- SCOPE SLIDE | 7/1015 W | Zr WIRE | 450 | 4 | 2 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 544 | 107 | 582 | +0.56 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -8C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 498 | 160 | 796 | +1.8 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -8D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 346 | - | -0.9 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -9-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | >4 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | - | > 10 ⁶ | - | - | |
| Zr+O ₂ -10A-B | " | " | " | " | 12 | 2 X 10 ⁻⁵ | | X | | | - | 72.1 | - | -0.37 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -10B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 86.8 | - | -0.65 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -10C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 123.6 | - | -0.43 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -10D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 187.2 | - | -0.25 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -11A-B | " | " | " | " | 4 | 3.5 X 10 ⁻⁵ | | X | | | - | 19.3 | - | +3.63 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -11B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 28.3 | - | +0.97 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -11C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 44.1 | - | +2.20 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -11D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | | X | | | - | 82.0 | - | +0.88 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -12A-B | " | " | " | " | 10 | 2 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 498 | 20.8 | 104 | +6.04 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -12B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 655 | 28.3 | 185 | +2.90 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -12C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 514 | 44.5 | 229 | +0.50 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -12D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | BROKE | 74.4 | - | -0.15 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -13A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 9 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 761 | 32.6 | 248 | +1.18 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -13B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | Est 850 | 26.1 | 221 | +1.36 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -13C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 745 | 44.4 | 331 | +0.21 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -13D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | ≈ 57 | - | -0.09 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -14A-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 1 X 10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 708 | 46.6 | 330 | +0.36 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -14B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 676 | 58 | 382 | -0.51 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -14C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 437 | 83 | 363 | -0.84 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -14D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 430 | 154 | 662 | -1.47 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -15A-B | " | " | " | " | 10 | 1 X 10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | 1230 | 120 | 1,480 | -0.725 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -15B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 142 | - | -0.136 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -15C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1050 | 230 | 2,420 | -0.88 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -15D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | 488 | - | -2.72 | |

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| RESISTOR (SERIAL NO.) | SUB- STRATE (TYPE) | EVAPORATION PARAMETERS | | | | | PROTECTION | | | | FILM PARAMETERS ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | REMARKS |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------|---|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O | BAKED PER. T (HRS)(°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK - NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (10 ⁻¹² CM) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | |
| ZIRCONIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr+O ₂ -16A-B | GLASS MICRO- | 72015 W | Zr WIRE | 450 | 5 | 5×10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1,300 | | 57.1 | 742 | +0.71 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -16B-B | SCOPPE SLIDE | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 64.5 | - | +1.81 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -16C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,040 | | 88.5 | 920 | +1.02 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -16D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 157 | - | -0.30 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -17A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 1×10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | 908 | | 22.1 | 201 | +3.3 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -17B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 28.1 | - | +2.05 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -17C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 723 | | 43.5 | 314 | +0.95 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -17D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 76.2 | - | -0.12 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -18A-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,280 | | 7.72 | 98.8 | +17.9 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -18B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 9.63 | - | +18 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -18C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 954 | | 15 | 143 | +13 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -18D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 27.3 | - | +13.2 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -19-B | " | " | " | " | " | 1×10 ⁻³ | X | | | | | | > 0.7×10 ⁶ | (POWDERY FILM) | | BEGINNING WITH Zr+O ₂ -19-B, |
| Zr+O ₂ -20A-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,320 | | 4.5×10 ⁶ | 5.84×10 ³ | -62 | O ₂ WAS ADMITTED TO THE |
| Zr+O ₂ -20B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | - | - | - | BELL JAR TO INCREASE |
| Zr+O ₂ -20C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | - | - | - | THE PRESSURE FROM |
| Zr+O ₂ -20D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | - | - | - | ≈ 2×10 ⁻⁶ TORR TO THE |
| Zr+O ₂ -21A-B | " | " | " | 50 | 10 | 1×10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 1,915 | | 11.1 | 212 | +7.7 | INDICATED VALUE. |
| Zr+O ₂ -21B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 11.1 | - | +8.11 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -21C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,218 | | - | - | - | |
| Zr+O ₂ -21D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 43.3 | - | +1.79 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -22A-B | " | " | " | 5 | | 5×10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 2,020 | | 152 | 3.07×10 ³ | -4.9 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -22B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | 316 | - | -6.68 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -22C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,846 | | 736 | 1.35×10 ⁴ | -7.4 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -22D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,280 | | 4,790 | 6.13×10 ⁴ | -16.7 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -23A-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,562 | | 5,819 | 9.1×10 ⁴ | -13.5 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -23B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 1,249 | | 9,100 | 1.13×10 ⁵ | -15.3 | |
| Zr+O ₂ -23C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | - | | - | - | - | |

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------------------------------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. DEP. T PER. (°C) (MIN) | P (TORR) | N O N E | S I O PER. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (10 ⁻⁴ Ω cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ °C) | | | |
| VANADIUM (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V-1A-B | GLASS | STRANDED Mo | V WIRE | 400 | 3 | 5x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | VERY THIN | 4,016 | 378 | | -1.82 | |
| V-1B-B | MICRO- | " | " | " | 3 | " | X | | | " | 4,651 | 465 | | -3.2 | |
| V-1C-B | SCOPE | " | " | " | 3 | " | X | | | " | 7,283 | 685 | | -5.7 | |
| V-1D-B | SLIDE | " | " | " | 3 | " | X | | | " | 9,050 | 850 | | -6.6 | |
| V-2A-B | " | " | " | " | 3 | (1-10)10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | " | 32,950 | 3,295 | | -9.4 | |
| V-3B-B | " | " | " | " | 1/5 | 3.5x10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | " | 2,588 | 259 | | +0.91 | |
| V-3C-B | " | " | " | " | 1/5 | " | X | | | " | 4,276 | 428 | | -0.8 | |
| V-4A-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | 2x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | 640 | 326 | 34.6 | 222 | +1.67 | |
| V-4B-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | 550 | 338 | 33.8 | 186 | +1.98 | |
| V-4C-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | 388 | 446 | 44.6 | 173 | +2.56 | |
| V-4D-B | " | " | " | " | 5 | " | X | | | 505 | 741 | 74.1 | 374 | +2.29 | |
| V-1 | CORNING 77059 | E-BEAM | " | " | 2 | 1x10 ⁻⁵ | | 10 | 325 | | 84.6 | 42.3 | 225 | +2.23 | |
| V-2 | GLASS | @ 1KW | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 91.7 | 45.8 | 225 | +1.63 | |
| V-3 | " | C ₂ | " | " | " | " | X | | | 284 | 1678 | 13.9 | 238 | +2.38 | |
| V-4 | " | CRUCIBLE | " | " | " | " | | 10 | 325 | | 84 | 42 | 225 | +2.36 | |
| V-5 | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | 87.7 | 43.8 | 225 | +1.59 | |
| V-6 | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 455 | 95.2 | 47.6 | 216 | +1.67 | |
| VANADIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| V+O ₂ -1A-A | GLASS | STRANDED W | " | 450 | 22 | 5x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | Est. 500 | 22.6 | 26.6 | 110 | +4.43 | FOR THE V+O ₂ SPECIMENS, |
| V+O ₂ -1B-A | MICRO- | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | Est 500 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 93 | +4.87 | PURE O ₂ WAS SUPPOSEDLY |
| V+O ₂ -1C-A | SCOPE | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | Est 500 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 130 | +3.78 | ADMITTED TO THE BELL JAR |
| V+O ₂ -2A-A | SLIDE | " | " | " | 22 | 8x10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | 480 | 22.1 | 22.1 | 106 | +10.4 | TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE |
| V+O ₂ -2B-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 450 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 91 | +10.3 | FROM 2x10 ⁻⁶ TORR TO |
| V+O ₂ -2C-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | 400 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 108 | +9.9 | THE INDICATED VALUE. |
| V+O ₂ -3A-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | 1x10 ⁻⁴ | X | | | | 25.5 | 25.5 | | +10.4 | HOWEVER, INCOMPLETE |
| V+O ₂ -3B-A | " | " | " | " | 22 | " | X | | | | 23.8 | 23.8 | | +13.3 | FLUSHING OF BLEEDER |

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|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | SOURCE (TYPE) | EVAP- ORANT | SUB. T (°C) | DEP. PER. (MIN) | P (TORR) | N ONE | S.O | BAKED PER. T (HRS) (°C) | COMPO- SITION (2) | THICK- NESS (Å) | RESIST- ANCE (OHMS) | RESISTIVITY R/SQ. SPECIFIC (OHMS) (KΩ Cm) | TCR (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | | |
| ZIRCONIUM EVAPORATED IN OXYGEN (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 23D-B | GLASS MICRO-SCOPE SLIDE | 7/015 W | Zr WIRE | 50 | 5 | 5X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 24A-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 325.5 | - | -0.02 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 24B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | 3,185 | | 43.8 | 1,400 | -0.47 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 24C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 185.5 | - | -2.7 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 24D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | | | 1,034 | - | -10.8 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 25A-B | " | " | " | 250 | " | " | X | | | (TOO DULL) | | 148.3 | - | -3.4 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 25B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | (TO MEAS) | | 206.1 | - | -4.6 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 25C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | " | | 228.2 | - | -5.02 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 25D-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | " | | 623 | - | -14.9 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 26A-B | " | " | " | " | " | 3X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | " | | 51.8 | - | -0.23 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 26B-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | " | | 449 | - | -0.55 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ - 26C-B | " | " | " | " | " | " | X | | | " | | 52.6 | - | -1.12 | | |
| ZIRCONIUM OXIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZrO ₂ - 1-A | " | W BOAT | (ZrO ₂) | 25 | | 4X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | | >10 ⁷ | | | VERY DIFFICULT TO | |
| ZrO ₂ - 2A-A | " | " | (POWDER) | 450 | | 5X10 ⁻⁶ | X | | | 15,500 | 2,375 | 2,375 | 2.73X10 ⁵ | -12.5 | EVAPORATE FROM W-BEAT | |
| ZrO ₂ - 2B-A | " | " | " | " | | " | X | | | 15,700 | 740 | 740 | 1.16X10 ⁵ | -5.81 | DUE TO HIGH TEMPERATURE | |
| ZrO ₂ - 2C-A | " | " | " | " | | " | X | | | | 3.8X10 ⁶ | 3.8X10 ⁶ | - | -69.3 | REQUIRED. EVAPORATIONS | |
| ZrO ₂ - 3A-A | " | " | " | " | | 2X10 ⁻⁵ | X | | | | 860 | 860 | - | -5.50 | MADE AT AND SLIGHTLY | |
| ZrO ₂ - 3B-A | " | " | " | " | | " | X | | | 15,000 | 225.5 | 225 | 3.82X10 ⁴ | -2.91 | ABOVE MELTING POINT | |
| ZrO ₂ - 3C-A | " | " | " | " | | " | X | | | 16,670 | 426.9 | 427 | 0.712X10 ⁵ | -6.21 | OF ZrO ₂ (2700°C), T.C.R. | |
| Note: ZrO ₂ obtained from National Lead Co. as C.P. Grade. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Met. Analysis: ZrO ₂ - 99.12%, BaO - 0.01% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GA. TECH SPECTROGRAPHIC TEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SHOWED: Si - Medium - 1.0-0.1% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OBTAINED AT HIGHEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TiO ₂ - 0.16%, MgO - 0.15% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOURCE TEMPERATURES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mg - TRACE - 0.05-0.005% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USED. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fe - TRACE - 0.005-0.0005% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fe - WEAK - 0.05-0.005% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S - 0.04% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ti - WEAK - 0.1-0.01% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ca - TRACE - 0.002-0.0002% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zr - VERY STRONG | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE II-A

EFFECTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING IN AIR
ON RESISTANCE AND TCR VALUES

| Specimen (Code No.) | Resistivity ($10^{-6}\Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | TCR | | $\Delta \text{ TCR}$ ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}$) | Remarks |
|--|--|-------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 200°C for 6 3/4 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn + SiO-24-C | 3.4 x 10^3 | + 14 | - .223 | - .472 | - .249 | Specimens placed on extended aging at 125°C in air after post-deposition bake in air. |
| Mn + SiO-25-C | 2 x 10^2 | + 14 | | + .268 | | |
| Mn + SiO-26-C | 4 x 10^2 | + 15 | + 1.56 | + 1.36 | - .20 | |
| Mn + SiO-30-C | 1.5 x 10^3 | + 12 | + 0.469 | + 1.55 | + 1.08 | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 250°C for 6 1/2 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Mn + SiO-28-C | 3 x 10^2 | + 47 | + 1.76 | + 1.45 | - .31 | |
| Mn + SiO-29-C | 1.4 x 10^3 | + 70 | + .67 | + 1.02 | + .35 | |
| Mn + SiO-31-C | 3.3 x 10^3 | + 66 | - .358 | - 0.186 | + .172 | |
| Cr + SiO-18-C | 3.1 x 10^4 | - .04 | - 4.12 | - 4.13 | - .01 | |
| Cr + SiO-20-C | 3.5 x 10^4 | - 1.2 | - 4.6 | - 4.38 | + .12 | |
| Cr + SiO-22-C | 1.4 x 10^4 | - .12 | - 1.42 | - 1.49 | - .07 | |
| <u>Specimens Baked at 250°C for 10 1/2 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Cr + SiO-35-C | 3.1 x 10^4 | + 22 | - 4.08 | - 3.75 | + 0.33 | |
| Cr + SiO-38-C | 1.6 x 10^4 | + 20 | - 1.86 | - 1.15 | + 0.71 | |
| Cr + SiO-41-C | ≈ 1 x 10^3 | + 0.3 | + 2.04 | + 2.12 | + 0.08 | |
| Cr + SiO-44-C | ≈ 1 x 10^2 | + 0.0 | + 2.81 | + 2.59 | - 0.32 | |

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TABLE II-A (Continued)

EFFECTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING IN AIR
ON RESISTANCE AND TCR VALUES

| Specimen (Code No.) | Resistivity ($10^{-6}\Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | TCR | | ΔTCR ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | Remarks |
|---|--|-------------------|--|---|---|---------|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 275°C for 16 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Cr + SiO-23-C | 2.2 x 10^6 | - 0.8 | - 27.6 | - 27.8 | - 0.2 | |
| Cr + SiO-27-C | 2.3 x 10^6 | - 0.7 | - 27.8 | - 28.2 | - 0.4 | |
| Cr + SiO-30-C | 1.8 x 10^6 | + 7.5 | - 26.4 | - 25.7 | + 0.7 | |
| Cr + SiO-33-C | 1.6 x 10^6 | + 13 | - 25.3 | - 38.8 | - 13.5 | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 300°C for 3 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| NbB ₂ -3 | 0.9 x 10^6 | + 82 | - 49.9 | | | |
| NbB ₂ -8 | 0.8 x 10^5 | +170 | - 32.6 | | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 300°C for 4 1/2 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si-1 | 0.94 x 10^5 | + 0.71 | - 25.2 | | | |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -6 | 1.2 x 10^3 | + 8.1 | - 1.68 | | | |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ -8 | 0.8 x 10^3 | - 2.29 | - 3.1 | | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 300°C for 5 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| CrSi ₂ -4 | 0.5 x 10^3 | + 4.2 | + 0.588 | | | |
| CrSi ₂ -5 | 3.5 x 10^2 | - 0.47 | + 1.25 | | | |
| CrSi ₂ -6 | 1.5 x 10^3 | + 15 | - 4.22 | | | |

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TABLE II-A (Concluded)

EFFECTS OF POST-DEPOSITION BAKING IN AIR
ON RESISTANCE AND TCR VALUES

| Specimen (Code No.) | Resistivity ($10^{-6}\Omega\text{-cm}$) | ΔR (%) | TCR | | $\Delta\text{ TCR}$ ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | Remarks |
|--|--|-------------------|--|---|---|---------|
| | | | Before Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | After Baking ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 300°C for 7 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| TiSi ₂ -11 | 2.6 x 10 ³ | + 27 | - 3.61 | | | |
| TiSi ₂ -12 | 5 x 10 ³ | + 29 | - 5.13 | | | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 325°C for 7 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| Cr + SiO-37-C | 1.6 x 10 ⁴ | + 25 | - 1.73 | - 0.92 | + 0.81 | |
| Cr + SiO-40-C | 3.3 x 10 ² | + 41 | - 4.36 | - 3.55 | + 0.81 | |
| Cr + SiO-43-C | ≈ 1 x 10 ² | 0.0 | + 2.83 | + 2.83 | 0.00 | |
| Cr + SiO-46-C | ≈ 0.9 x 10 ² | + 0.04 | + 2.16 | + 2.35 | + 0.19 | |
| <u>Specimens baked at 325°C for 10 hours</u> | | | | | | |
| V-1 | R/ = 42.3Ω | 9,720. | + 2.23 | - 93. | - 95. | |
| V-4 | R/ = 42 Ω | 698. | + 2.36 | - 43.2 | - 46. | |

TABLE III
SUMMARY OF RESISTOR AGING AT 125 °C IN AIR

| SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (microhm-cm) | RESISTOR SERIES | DURING INITIAL TCR MEAS. | | | | AFTER 1000 HOURS | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|--------------|---|
| | | No. | ΔR % | | | No. | ΔR % | | | ΔTCR PPM/°C | | | | |
| | | | Lo | Avg | Hi | | Lo | Avg | Hi | Lo | Avg | Hi | | |
| UNPROTECTED FILMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | DR OF 1000 HOURS AGING INCLUDES DR OF INITIAL TCR MEAS. FOR UNPROTECTED FILMS |
| $(.2 < \leq 5) 10^2$ | Al + SiO | 8 | 0.14 | 0.30 | 0.72 | | | | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | Cr (FLASHED) | 9 | 0 | 0.21 | 0.35 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Cr + SiO (FLASHED) | 3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Cr + SiO | 4 | 0 | 0.18 | 0.6 | | | | | | | | | - ΔR |
| | Cr-Si ₂ | 7 | 0 | 0.14 | 0.2 | 1 | | 0.6 (NEG) | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | Cu + SiO | 7 | 0.35 | 21 | 130 | | | | | | | | | MOSTLY + ΔR |
| | Gd | 4 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 6.6 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Gd + O ₂ | 2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Mn + SiO | 2 | 0.14 | 0.37 | 0.6 | | | | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | N ₂ B | 2 | 0.06 | 0.17 | 0.29 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ti + O ₂ | 6 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiN | 1 | | 0.9 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Tm, Tm + O ₂ | 14 | 0.06 | 0.5 | 1.6 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | V | 13 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 31 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | V + O ₂ , V + AIR | 22 | 0 | 1.4 | 4.3 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| Zr | 6 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.4 | 6 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 10 (ONLY 7 HRS AGING) | | | | | + ΔR | |
| Zr + O ₂ | 17 | 0 | 0.54 | 2.5 | 6 | 0.32 | 1.5 | 2.5 (ONLY 4 HRS AGING) | | | | | + ΔR | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $(.5 < \leq 5) 10^3$ | Cr + SiO | 5 | 0 | 0.22 | 0.85 | 2 | 0.23 | 0.32 | 0.42 | 4 | 13 | 22 | | MOSTLY + ΔR |
| | Cr-Si ₂ | 5 | 0 | 0.24 | 0.57 | 1 | | 1.9 (NEG) | | | | | | MOSTLY NEG. DR |
| | Cr-Si ₂ + Ti-Si ₂ | 7 | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.32 | 1 | | 0.15 (NEG) | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Cu + SiO | 3 | 7.7 | 27 | 49 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Gd + O ₂ | 2 | 0 | 0.65 | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | OXIDIZED COMPLETELY AFTER FEW DAYS IN ROOM ATM. + ΔR |
| | Mn + SiO | 14 | 0.04 | 0.89 | 2.3 | 5 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 22 | 38 | | + ΔR |
| | NbN | 2 | 55 | 57 | 60 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ti + O ₂ | 3 | 2.9 | 8.9 | 1.8 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiO | 14 | 0 | 4.8 | 2.6 | | | | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | TiO ₂ | 6 | 0.36 | 3.2 | 8.8 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiN | 7 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 6.6 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ti-Si ₂ | 7 | 0.09 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2 | 17 | 17 | 17 | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Zr | 6 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 5 | 6.9 | 16 | 34 | | | | | (ONLY 7 HOUR AGING) + ΔR |
| | Zr + O ₂ | 11 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 9 | 4 | 5.8 | 17 | 38 | | | | | (" " " " ") + ΔR |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $(.5 < \leq 5) 10^4$ | Al + SiO | 2 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.24 | | | | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | Cr + SiO | 11 | 0.08 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 2 | 1.4 | 9.7 | 18.1 | 16 | 23 | 31 | | + ΔR , - ΔTCR |
| | Cu + SiO | 4 | 0.38 | 4.6 | 11 | | | | | | | | | $\pm \Delta R$ |
| | Mn + SiO | 1 | | .77 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | NbN | 1 | | 44 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ti + O ₂ | 6 | 0.26 | 1.2 | 2.5 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiO ₂ | 1 | | 7.1 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiB ₂ | 3 | 5.5 | 11 | 19 | | | | | | | | | (FILMS WERE RETICULATED) + ΔR |
| | Ti-Si ₂ | 2 | 1.7 | 11 | 20 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Zr | 4 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 4 | 32 | 68 | 108 (ONLY 5 HRS AGING) | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Zr + O ₂ | 1 | | 10.3 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | ZrO ₂ | 2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | $(.5 < \leq 5) 10^5$ | Cr + SiO | 5 | 0.11 | 2.8 | 11 | 2 | 1.1 | 14 | 27 | 2.3 | 24 | 25 | |
| Cr-Si ₂ + B ₄ S ₅ | | 3 | 0.5 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 1 | | 0.8 | | | | | | + ΔR |
| Cu + SiO | | 2 | 12 | 19 | 25 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | | 1 | | 3.1 x 10 ⁴ | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| Mn + SiO | | 3 | 0.23 | 4.5 | 11 | 2 | 18 | 27 | 37 | 138 | 178 | 218 | | + ΔR , - ΔTCR |
| NbB ₂ | | 5 | 0 | 0.29 | 0.93 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | - ΔR DURING TCR MEAS. |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ | | 3 | 0.53 | 1.1 | 1.7 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| Ti + O ₂ | | 4 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 7.1 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| TiO ₂ | | 1 | | 1.6 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| Zr + O ₂ | | 3 | 12 | 23 | 39 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| $(.5 < \leq 5) 10^6$ | | Cr + SiO | 13 | 0 | 2.3 | 12.9 | 3 | 1.4 | 8.8 | 15 | 14 | 45 | 81 | |
| | Cu + SiO | 1 | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Mn + SiO | 1 | | 6.9 | | | | 9.7 | | | 150 | | | + ΔR , + ΔTCR , PROBABLY THIN, SiO ₂ OVERLAP. |
| | NbB ₂ | 8 | 0 | 0.53 | 2.2 | 1 | | 9 | | | | | | + ΔR DURING TCR MEAS. |
| | TiO ₂ | 1 | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ti-Si ₂ | 2 | 3.8 | 6.5 | 9.1 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |

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TABLE III (Continued)
SUMMARY OF RESISTOR AGING AT 125 °C IN AIR

| SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY (microhm-cm) | RESISTOR SERIES | DURING INITIAL TCR MEAS. | | | | AFTER 1000 HOURS | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------|------|-----|------------------|--------------|------|------|---------------------|-----|-----|--|--|
| | | No. | ΔR % | | | No. | ΔR % | | | ΔTCR PPM/°C | | | | |
| | | | Lo | Avg | Hi | | Lo | Avg | Hi | Lo | Avg | Hi | | |
| UNPROTECTED FILMS (CONTINUED) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁷ | Al + SiO | 2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 2.3 | | | | | | | | | DR OF 1000 HOURS AGING IN- CLUDES DR OF INT TCR MEAS. FOR UNPROTECTED FILMS. |
| | Cu + SiO | 1 | | 3.4 | | | | | | | | | | - ΔR |
| | Mn + SiO | 1 | | 4.6 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Ta ₂ O ₅ | 1 | | 0.16 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | TiSi ₂ | 2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | Zr+O ₂ | 1 | | 230 | | | | | | | | | | + ΔR |
| FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 200 °C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.2<1≤5) 10 ² | Mn + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 4.7 | | | 13 | | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ³ | Mn + SiO | | | | | 3 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 2 | 8.2 | 18 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 250 °C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.2<1≤5) 10 ² | Cr + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 0.05 | | | 22 | | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| | Mn + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 8.15 | | | 2 | | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ³ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 0 | | | 4 | | | - ΔTCR |
| | Mn + SiO | | | | | 2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 7 | 7 | 7.3 | | + ΔR, - ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁴ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 5 | 10. | 0.18 | 0.3 | 4 | 17 | 35 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| FILMS BAKED IN AIR AT 300 ± 2.5 °C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.2<1≤5) 10 ² | Cr + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 0 | | | 11 | | | + ΔTCR |
| | CrSi ₂ | | | | | 1 | | 0.15 | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | V | | | | | 2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 60 | 20 | 47 | 74 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ³ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 0 | | | 37 | | | + ΔTCR |
| | CrSi ₂ | | | | | 2 | 0.2 | 0.36 | 0.55 | | | | | + ΔR |
| | CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ | | | | | 2 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.32 | | | | | - ΔR |
| | TiSi ₂ | | | | | 2 | 0.3 | 0.35 | 0.4 | | | | | + ΔR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁴ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 2 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 4.9 | 9 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁵ | CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si ₃ | | | | | 1 | | 0.9 | | | | | | + ΔR |
| | NbB ₂ | | | | | 1 | | 8 | | | | | | + ΔR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁶ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 4 | 0.2 | 0.55 | 0.9 | 20 | 53 | 94 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| | NbB ₂ | | | | | 1 | | 7 | | | | | | + ΔR |
| FILMS OVERCOATED WITH SiO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (.2<1≤5) 10 ² | Mn + SiO | | | | | 2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 5 | 20 | 39 | | + ΔR, - ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ³ | Mn + SiO | | | | | 3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1 | 9 | 19 | | + ΔR, - ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁵ | Mn + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 36 | | | 80 | | | + ΔR, - ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁶ | Cr + SiO | | | | | 4 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 0 | 48 | 70 | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| | Mn + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 29 | | | 430 | | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| (.5<1≤5) 10 ⁷ | Mn + SiO | | | | | 1 | | 5 | | | 5 | | | + ΔR, + ΔTCR |
| FOR FILMS BAKED IN AIR AND OVERCOATED WITH SiO, THE DR & ΔTCR OF 1000 HRS. AGING ARE CHANGES IN R AND TCR AFTER THE PRO- TECTIVE MEASURES WERE TAKEN. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TABLE V

SUMMARIZED PARAMETERS OF RESISTIVE FILMS

| MATERIAL EVAPORATED | NO. SPECIMENS | EVAPORATION TECHNIQUE | THICKNESS RANGE (Angstroms) | SPECIFIC RESISTANCE RANGE (microhm-cm) | TCR RANGE ($10^{-4}/^{\circ}\text{C}$) | MAXIMUM SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| | | | | | | WITHIN ± 500 PPM OF ZERO T.C.R. (microhm-cm) | WITHIN ± 300 PPM OF ZERO T.C.R. (microhm-cm) |
| Al + SiO | 16 | DUAL SOURCE EVAPORATION -- Al and SiO co-evaporated in high vacuum from independently heated BN crucibles. | 500 to 6,000 | 40 to 4×10^7 | -65 to +10 | 2,000 at -500ppm | 1,300 at -300ppm (600 at ZERO T.C.R.) |
| Cu + SiO | 25 | DUAL SOURCE EVAPORATION -- Cu and SiO co-evaporated in high vacuum from independently heated W boats. | 470 to 3,700 | 50 to 2×10^5 | -99 to +11 | 2×10^5 at +400 ppm (OBTAINED LARGE VARIATION IN VALUES BETWEEN +300ppm & +1200ppm) | 45 at +500ppm |
| | 14 | DUAL SOURCE EVAPORATION -- Cu and SiO co-evaporated in high vacuum from independently heated BN crucibles. | 500 to 5,000 | 18 to 2×10^7 | -36 to +6.1 (Nothing obtained between -15 and +4) | | |
| Cr | 12 | Flash evaporated Cr powder from W boat in high vacuum. | | $R/Sq. = 4.3 \text{ } \Omega/\text{sq inch}$ | +2.8 to +14 | 4×10^4 at -500 ppm | 2.3×10^4 at -300ppm (2×10^3 at ZERO) |
| Cr + SiO | 6 | Flash evaporated Cr and SiO powders from W boat in high vacuum (approx. 1:1 volume mixture). | Approx. 850 | Approx. 400 | -1.5 to -0.2 | | |
| Cr + SiO | 45 | COMMON SOURCE EVAPORATION: Cr and SiO co-evaporated from common source in high vacuum. | 800 to 3,550 (Range for 17 specimens measured to determine specific resistivity vs. TCR) | 100 to 1.2×10^7 | -38 to +2.8 | | |
| Cr + SiO | 280 (for study of film uniformity over 2"x2" substrate area) | DUAL SOURCE EVAPORATION -- Simultaneously evaporated Cr from 2 W-boats and SiO from graphite cloth source. | <500 to 5,000 | 100 to 2×10^8 | -42 to +6 | $3,640$ at -440ppm (VARIES WITH TEMPERATURE OF EVAPORANT MIXTURE DURING FILM DEPOSITION.) | $31,000$ at -300ppm |
| CrSi ₂ | 9 | CrSi ₂ powder sublimated at temperatures near and slightly below its melting point from W boats. | 300 to 2,000 | 240 to 2700 | -7.4 to +2.3 | | |
| CrSi ₂ + B ₄ Si | 2 | Evaporated with electron beam from CrSi ₂ melt in Cu Crucible. | 1320 ± 50 | 408 ± 10 | $+0.35 \pm 0.05$ | | |
| | 3 | Evaporated with electron beam - powder mixture of mass ratio 2:1, CrSi ₂ :B ₄ Si from Cu crucible. | Approx. 6,600 | Approx. 93,600 | -25 \pm 0.3 | $2,300$ at +500ppm | |
| | 3 | Electron beam on CrSi ₂ melt on a bed of B ₄ Si powder in a Cu Cru. | Approx. 4,800 | 650 to 1,250 | -0.63 to +1.4 | | |
| CrSi ₂ + TiSi ₂ | 7 | Electron beam evaporated 1:1 mass mixture of CrSi ₂ and TiSi ₂ powders from Cu crucible. | 550 to 1,400 | 777 to 3,640 | -4.4 to -1.06 | | |
| Gd | 4 | Evaporated Gd turnings from Tantalum boat. | 2,000 to 6,000 | 168 to 332 | +5.03 to +7.6 | | |
| Gd + O ₂ | 8 | Evaporated Gd turnings from Tantalum boat in partial pressures of oxygen. | 577 to 1,370 | 214 to 616 | +3.9 to +6.2 | | |
| Mn | 4 | Evaporated Mn (96%, carbon free) from tantalum grain box source. | Approx 700 | 74 to 210 | -0.33 to +1.5 | 2.4×10^4 at -500ppm | 1.4×10^4 at -300ppm (3×10^3 at ZERO) |
| Mn + SiO | 30 | COMMON SOURCE EVAPORATION: Mn and SiO co-evaporated from common grain box source (Ta) in high vac. | 330 to 3,700 | 300 to 1.3×10^7 | -33 to +1.8 | | |
| NbB ₂ | 16 | Evaporated NbB ₂ powder from Cu crucible with electron beam gun in high vacuum. | 1,500 to 3,500 | 1×10^5 to 1.1×10^6 | -54 to -33 | 2.5×10^3 at -500 ppm | |
| NbN | 3 | Evaporated NbN powder from Ta boat in high vacuum. | 300 to 520 | 2,900 to 6,600 | -5.7 to -3.6 | | |

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TABLE V (CONTINUED)

SUMMARIZED PARAMETERS OF RESISTIVE FILMS

| MATERIAL EVAPORATED | NO. SPECIMENS | EVAPORATION TECHNIQUE | THICKNESS RANGE (Angstroms) | SPECIFIC RESISTANCE RANGE (microhm-cm) | TCR RANGE (10 ⁻⁴ /°C) | MAXIMUM SPECIFIC RESISTIVITY | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | WITHIN ± 500 PPM OF ZERO T.C.R. (microhm-cm) | WITHIN ± 300 PPM OF ZERO T.C.R. (microhm-cm) |
| Ni ₂ S | 3 | Evaporated Ni ₂ S from W basket in high vacuum. | <100 to 400 | 42 to <3,000 | -2.1 to +16.5 | | <3,000 at -210ppm |
| Ta ₂ O ₅ | 4 | Evaporated Ta ₂ O ₅ powder from Ta boat in high vacuum. | Approx. 650 | Approx. 3.5 X 10 ⁷ | -80 to -71 | | |
| | 4 | Evaporated Ta ₂ O ₅ powder from W boat in high vacuum. | Approx. 900 | Approx. 4.9 X10 ⁵ | -55 to - 49 | | |
| Ti | 1 | Evaporated Ti from stranded W file. | | R/Sq. = 13 ohms | + 21 | | |
| Ti + O ₂ | 21 | Evaporated Ti from stranded W file. in partial pressure of oxygen. | 240 to 1230 | 200 to 279,000 | -58 to +21 | 500 at -500ppm | 400 at -300 ppm (250 at ZERO) |
| TiO | 8 | Evaporated TiO from W boat in high vacuum. | 100 to 1,100 | 1,370 to 4,000 | -14.9 to -3.5 | ≈2,000 at -500ppm | ≈1,000 at -300ppm |
| | 6 | Evaporated TiO from Ta boat in high vacuum. | 600 to 1300 | 687 to 943 | -5.4 to -4.1 | ≈ 750 at -500ppm | ≈ 500 at -300ppm |
| TiO ₂ | 6 | Evaporated TiO ₂ from Ta boat in high vacuum. | Approx. 1,000 | 850 ± 100 | -10 to -7 | | |
| | 1 | Evaporated TiO ₂ from Mo boat in High vacuum (boat attacked severe- ly). | < 100 | <1.05 X 10 ⁴ | -33.8 | | |
| | 2 | Evaporated TiO ₂ from W boat in high vacuum | 484 555 | 4.48 X 10 ⁵ 6.57 X 10 ⁵ | -54 -51 | | |
| TiB ₂ | 5 | Evaporated TiB ₂ powder with electron beam gun from Cu crucible in high vacuum. | Est. 1,500 (films reticulated) | Est. > 1 X 10 ⁴ | -4.3 to -1.7 | | |
| TiN | 9 | Evaporated Titanium Nitride powder from W boat in high vac. | 350 to 770 | 340 to 2,070 | -7.4 to -0.3 | 1,000 at -500ppm | 600 at -300ppm (350 at ZERO TCR) |
| TiSi ₂ | 12 | Evaporated TiSi ₂ powder from W boat in high vacuum | 250 to 1,060 | 1,000 to 3.1 X 10 ⁷ | -65 to -4 | 1,000 at -500ppm | ≈ 400 at -300ppm |
| Tm | 4 | Evaporated Tm from Ta boat in high vacuum. | | R/Sq. = 4.4 to 8.2 ohms | +11.8 to +13.8 | | |
| Tm + O ₂ | 10 | Evaporated Tm from W basket in partial pressure of oxygen (Argon -O ₂ Mix., mostly Argon). | 743 (one) | 235 R/Sq. = 16 to 32 ohms | +9.5 +8.5 to +11 | | |
| V | 3 | Evaporated V from stranded W. in high vacuum. | 740 to 925 | 90.2 to 102 | +6.5 to +9.3 | | |
| | 11 | Evaporated V from stranded Mo. in high vacuum. | 388 to 640 (four) very thin (Five) | 173 to 374 R/Sq.= 259 to 3,295 ohms | +1.7 to +2.6 -9.4 to +0.9 | | |
| | 6 | Evaporated V with electron beam gun from Cu crucible in high vac. | ≈250 to 455 | 216 to 238 | +1.6 to +2.4 | | |
| V + O ₂ | 11 | Evaporated V from stranded W file. in partial pressures of Argon - oxygen mixture. | 330 to 500 (Nine) (Two) | 81 to 297 R/Sq=23.8 ±25.5 ohms. | +3.8 to +15.5 +10.4 ± +13.3 | | (270 at ZERO) 352 at -170 |
| | 11 | Evaporated V from stranded Mo file. in partial pressure of Argon- O ₂ . | 237 to 603 (four) very thin (Seven) | 174 to 352 R/Sq=3,060 to 340K ohms | -1.7 to +0.44 -236 to -10 | | |
| V + Air | 9 | Evaporated V from stranded W file. in partial pressure of Argon-air. | 330 to 718 (Seven) | 109 to 210 | +3 to +10.4 | | |
| V ₂ O ₅ | 4 | Evaporated V ₂ O ₅ powder from W boat in high vacuum. | (One) Approx. 4,000 (Two) | R/Sq=1,572 ohms Approx. 2.5 X 10 ⁷ | -47.2 - 87 | | |
| Zr | 29 | Evaporated Zr from stranded W file. in high vacuum | 330 to 1,182 (16) (Eleven) | 174 to 18,300 R/Sq=226 to 23,300 ohms | -5.1 to +5 -16 to -1.47 | | |
| Zr + O ₂ | 85 | Evaporated Zr from stranded W file in partial pressure of Argon - O ₂ | 366 to 3,185 (34) (Forty-eight) | 99 to 8.8 X 10 ⁷ R/Sq=9.6 to 1,034 ohms | -62 to +18 -15 to +18 | 8,500 at -500ppm | 3,500 at -300ppm (500 ± 300 at ZERO ± 100 ppm) |
| ZrO ₂ | 7 | Evaporated ZrO ₂ from W boat in high vacuum. | 11,500 to (Four) 16,640 | 3.82 X 10 ⁴ to 2.73 X 10 ⁵ | -12.5 to -2.9 | | |
| | | | (Two) | R/Sq=890 and 3.8 X 10 ⁵ | -5.5 -69.3 | 6.5 X 10 ⁴ at -500ppm | 3.8 X 10 ⁴ at -300ppm (Est. 1 X 10 ⁴ at Zero) |
| TOTAL = 758 | | | | | | | |